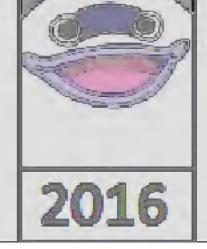
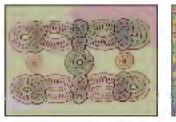


. or. . If Manny gets clear, I might add a little something that is my money. Them tire tracks looks kind of obvious, but that's only because we know where they started. "





















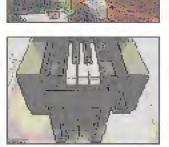












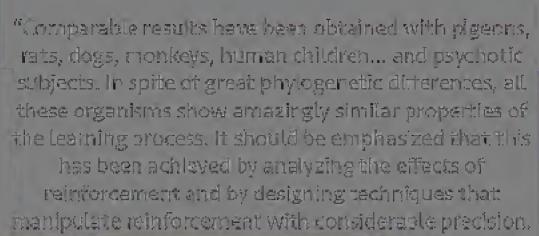




Waltzâs gun flamed at the same instant, the two explosions blended. I noticed the sharp tang of cordite on the air, almost, but not quite gone. The rain hit the flat roof hard. Carmady didnat s



She laughed again. åAnd you killed young Jeeterâin the girlâs apartment at the El Milano. But I didnât suspect for a minute that there was anything wrong with her.



a individual be aNot to mention three slaps in the face, a she said. broughthinder such preder control."







âl ainât a damn bit of use at it,â he said. If he had ever seen me before, nothing in his face showed i But I figure he knows you boys too well for that. "





He went in, sat at the counter and ordered coffee., an imprint of the Penguin Group

The detective passed a large pale hand across his forehead and leamed forward.

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inderroug hay have the form forelies relay as uponted the Georgia, American and American, the inglicants of the ingress of the

The room was very still for a moment. "You hear what I said in here?"



Willy Boy showed a king Steve went past him.

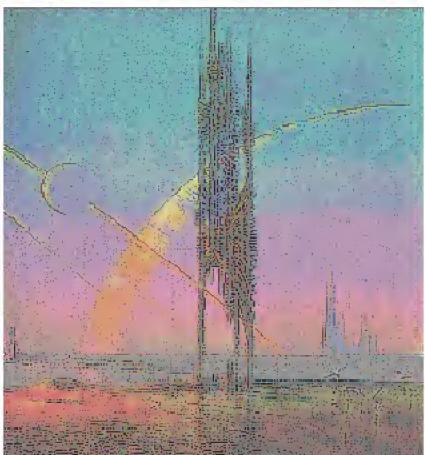


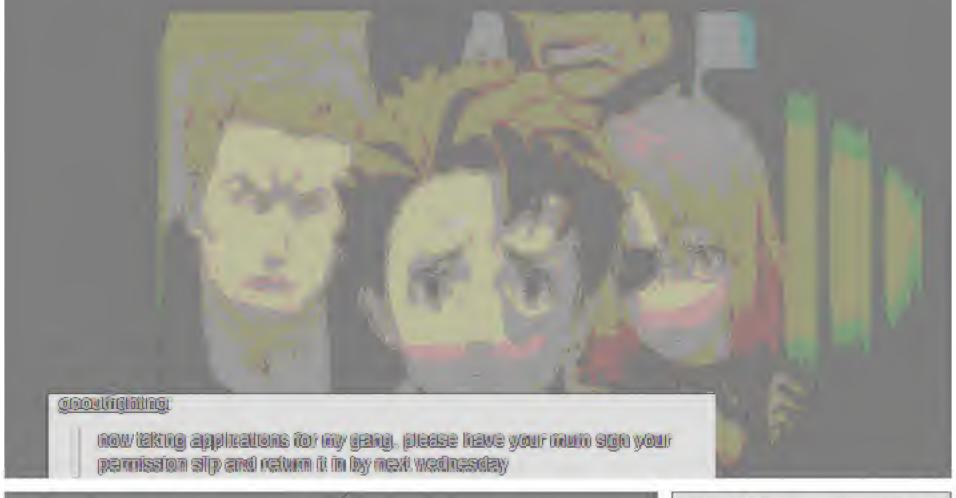
Chandler, Raymond, 1888-1959. I never knew him. It was neatly typewritten, dated that day. The wire came loose and the machine stopped. A car had stopped outside. Around his bare and magnificent throat, above the dirty collar, he wore a wide piece of black ribbon, like an old woman trying to freshen up her neck. The marimba player dropped his sticks and reached under his chair for a glass. Her body was half turned and she lay almost on her back across his thighs, her eyelids flickering. She wore a golden topaz bracelet and topaz earrings and a topaz dimmer ring in the shape of a shield. â

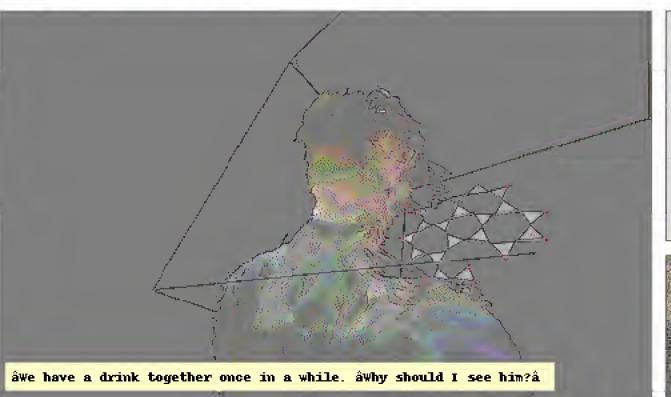


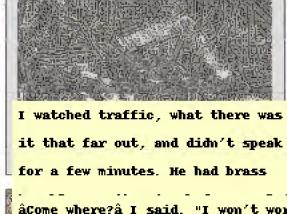










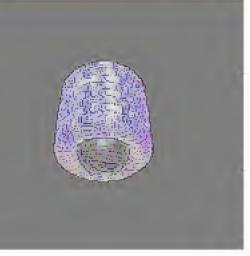


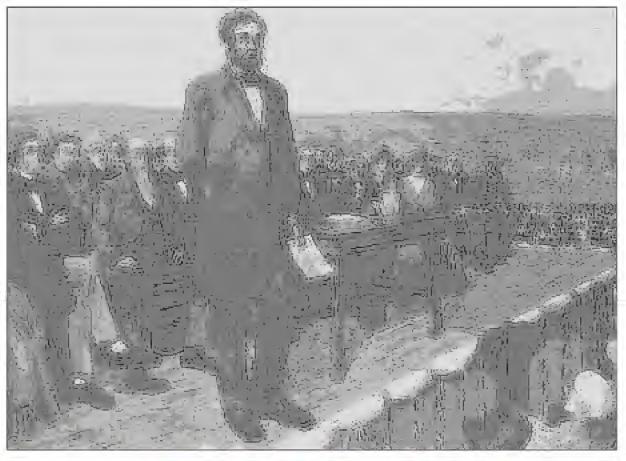
âCome where?â I said. "I won't wor about him, you won't worry about him, the Sheriff, who's up for reelection this fall, won't worry about him.

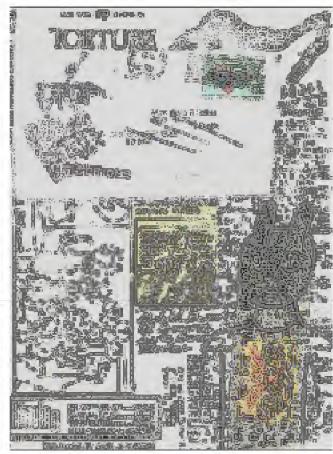


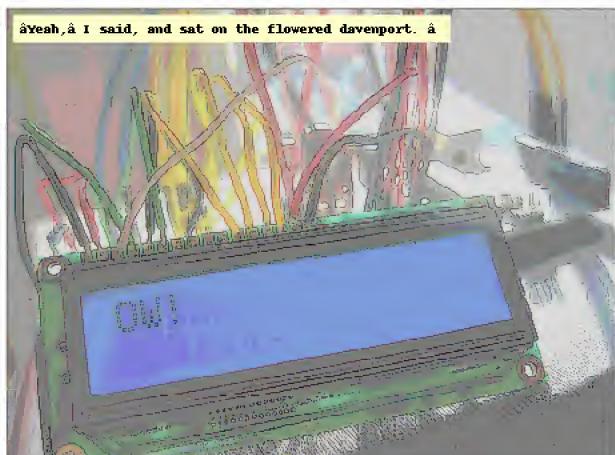


"'Ell of a lot of it, sir. Know him huh?â











Two of the old men sat on boxes about twenty feet apart, ignoring each other.

His right hand lifted the Colt. His lips were getting puffed and darkish.







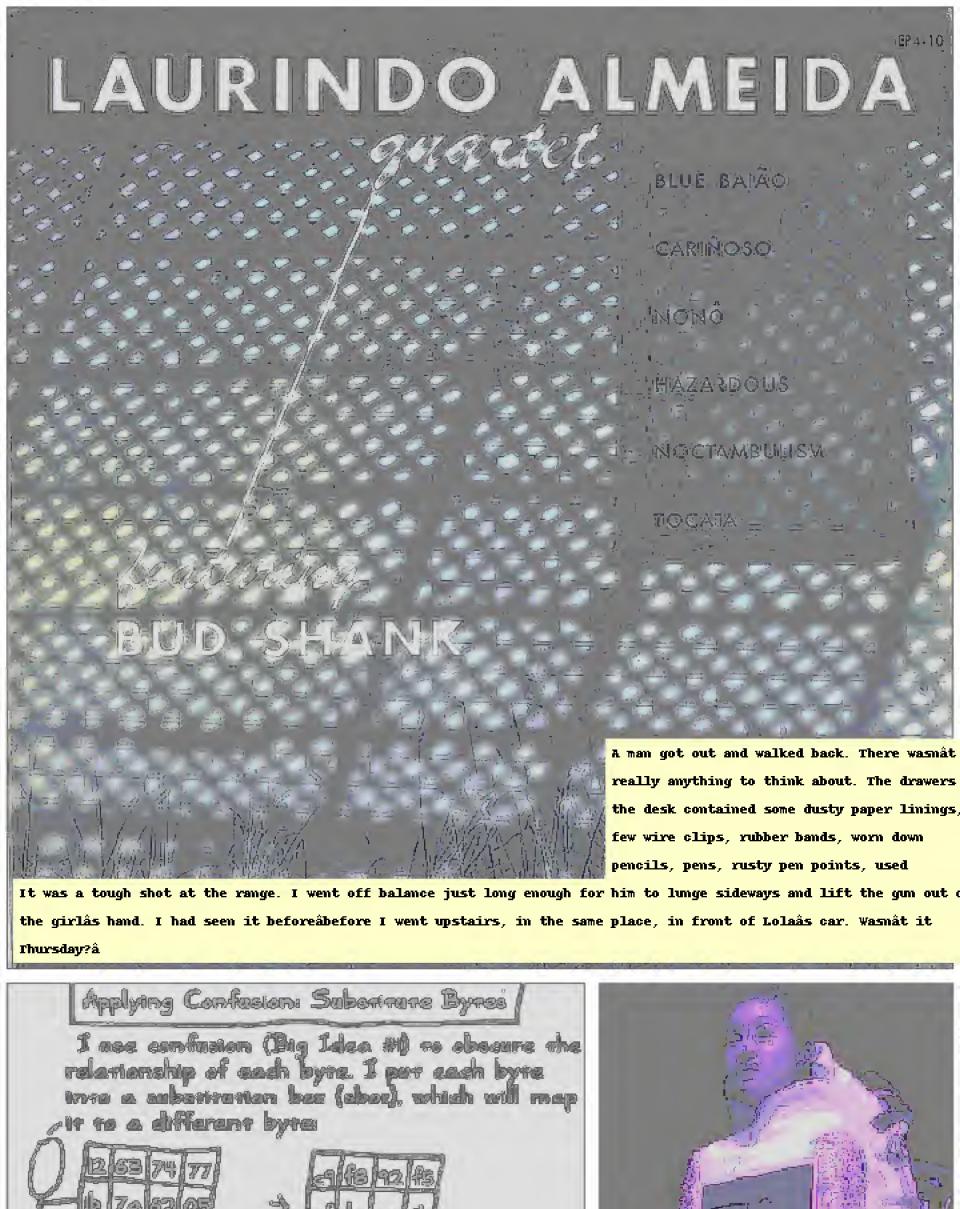
"You wanta go over now? I'll get the keys. He cam get me laughed at. We went out and down the salt-tarnished spiral stairway to the street level and the garage. We're an organization. We cleat five-thirty. You have a lousy chance to prove you weren't in on it. How you went was none of business either. For no other reason. You're lit "Listen," I said, and looked at the floor. I

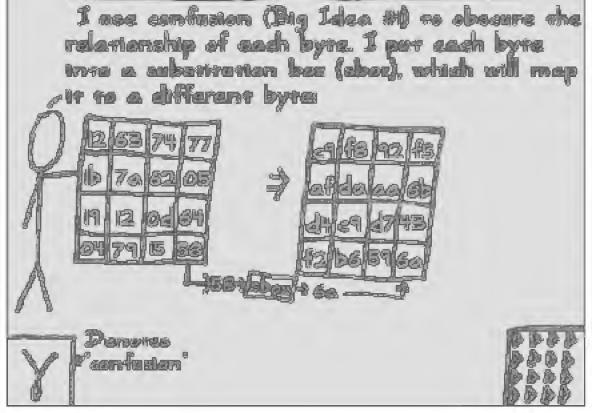


"Listen," I said, and looked at the floor. I
smiled a little and watched him. Then I went in
She touched my cheek with her fingers as she we

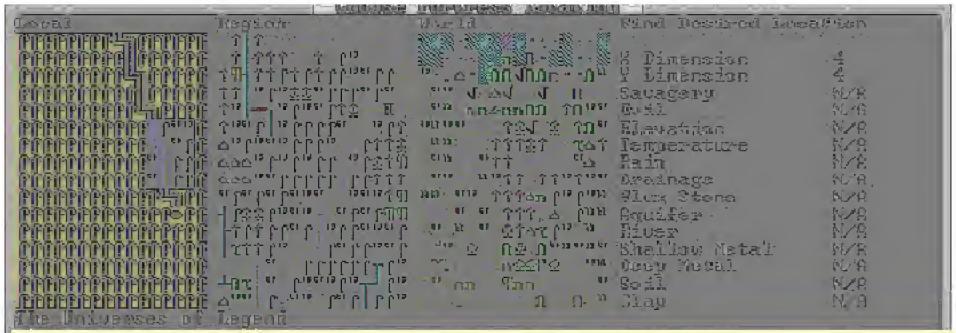


âHow do I know youâre on the level

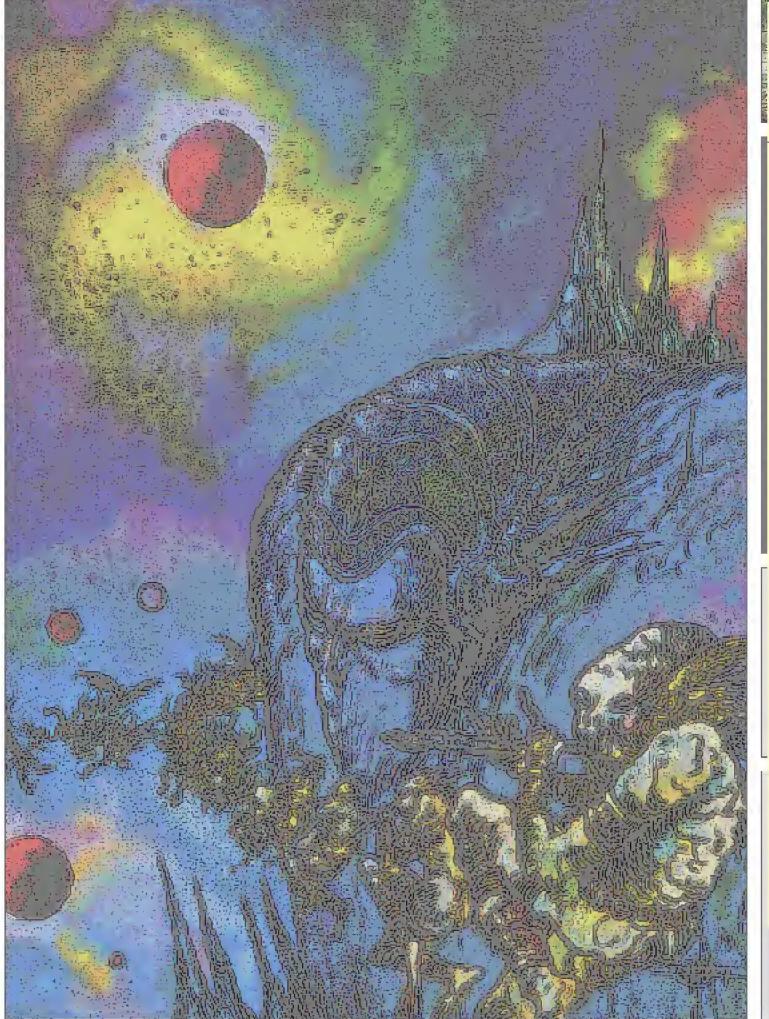








They went through a door into a big room that was mostly six-foot tiers of filing cases with an occasional alcove in which there was a small table and a chair. I donât know who murdered him.



âlâm Nixon,â he said. â
He scribbled an address
on a studio pad and hel
it out. The stenotype
operator took it down.

I breathed in some cool air and said: "The general wants me to see Mrs. He had ample motiv from the rather limited police point of view. H voice qot a little hoarse. He lay with his face on the desk, motionless. He rode it down to the linen-room floor and got out to remove the basket that held the service elevat open at that floor. The photo looked a good dea like Muriel Chess. He p his hands on his knees and clutched his kneecaps. At the foot o the steps up to the terrace he paused to stick a monocle in his eye. There was an alcov with small tables and padded seats. They had moved the car enough to lift something out.



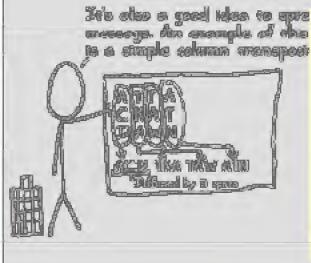




uniformed cop entered the backyard with a drawn gum an a flashlight. I saw nobody that looked like my idea of Crystal Kingsley.







Idea #2 Differin

åWell, domåt take all night about it,å I is a simple solution wanspect bleated. âThese are good stuff, the kind women very often have made on purpose, as kind of insurance. She lifted her head slowly. It was my great and now useless regret that I never wrote anything really worth her attention, no book that I could dedicate to her. There were flowers in front, a He wasn't amused. "The man's nam

___Candle: is Ikky Rosenstein. Hell, he can folks. up a ciget away. " He punched Carmady on her with the muzzle of the gum.



åShadows?Å. The mude picture of Muriel Blackstone was on the bar. Lights were on in the ceiling. I walked across the stumble stones and rang the bell. Her voice lacked the edgy twang of a beer-parlor frill.





I sat down, got a cigarette into my mouth and rolls it along my lips without lighting it. â And with that I headed back across the street, leaving them standing under the jacaranda.

A thin, dapper clerk the D. In yellow pajamasâin my with a waxed blond auctioneer looked more and mo mustache and a blond a bad egg.



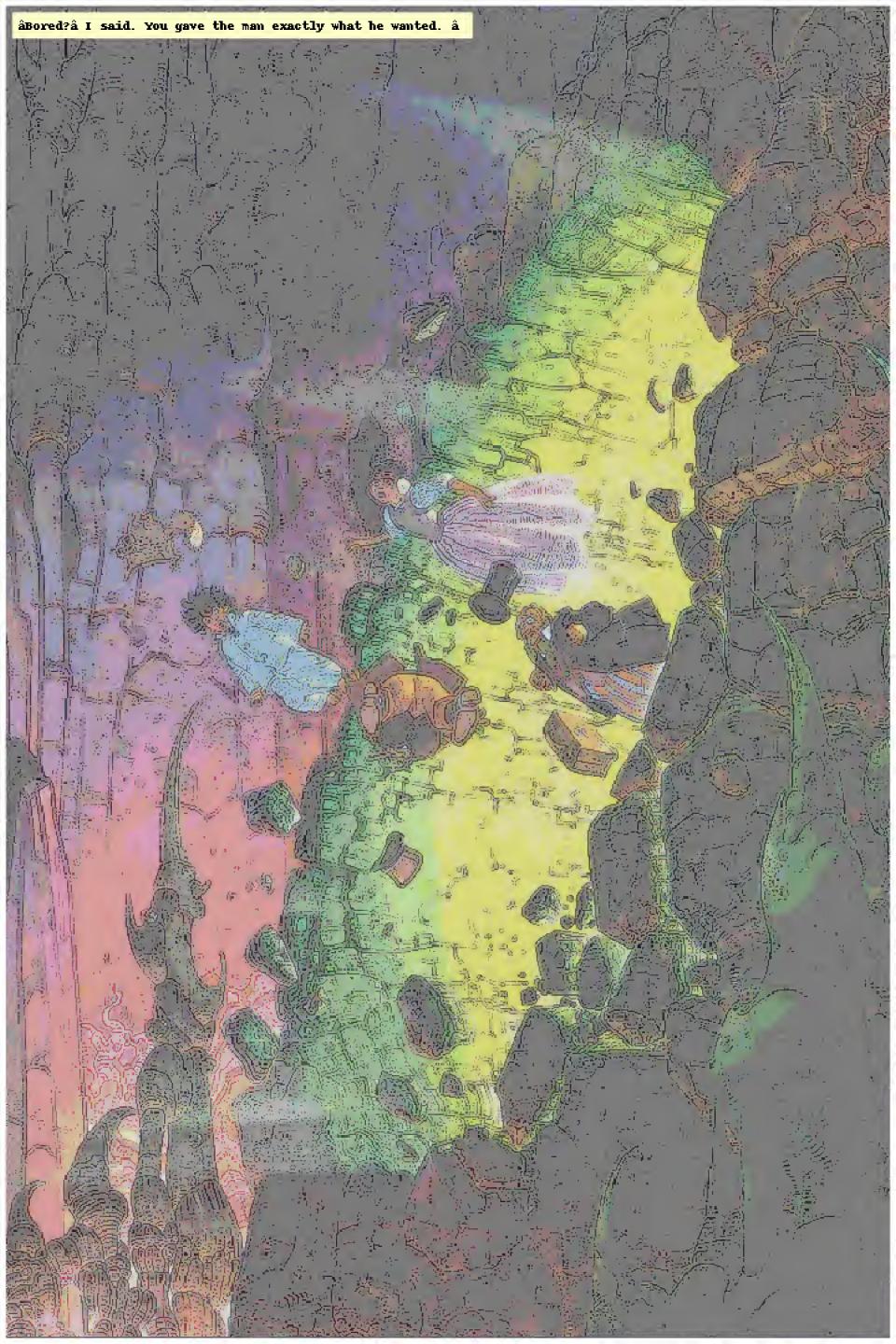
A thim, dapper clerk
with a waxed blond
mustache and a blond
pompadour leamed on the
desk and looked at the
clock and yawned,
tapping his teeth with
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fingernails. Try again
Or somebody's in the
morgue. The bright
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eyes now, despite the
little veil.





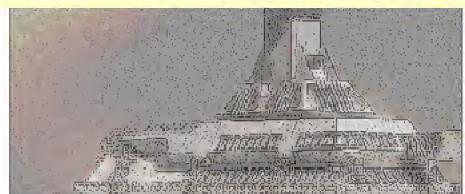


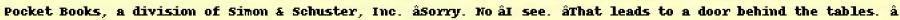
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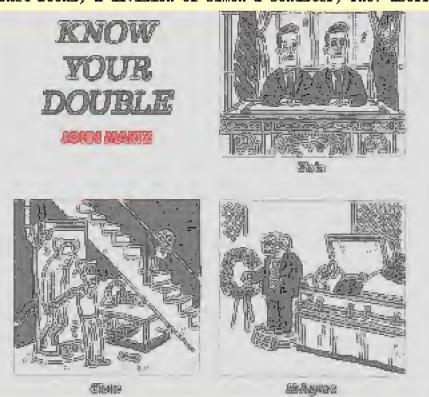


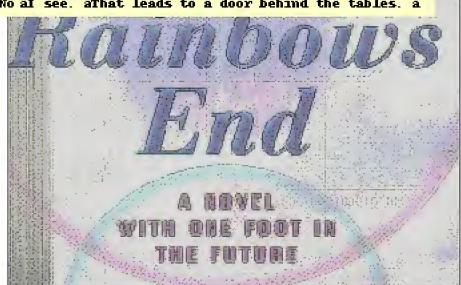
åYou talk damn foolish,å the girl spat him. I had already given Geigerås keys to Ohls. I paused inside to put on my sunglasses. I don't think the quality in the detective or the mystery story which appeals to people has very much to do with the story a particular book has to tell. Your pulse and breathing seemed all right but maybe they wouldnat be lat on. Eddie Mars wanted to know that.





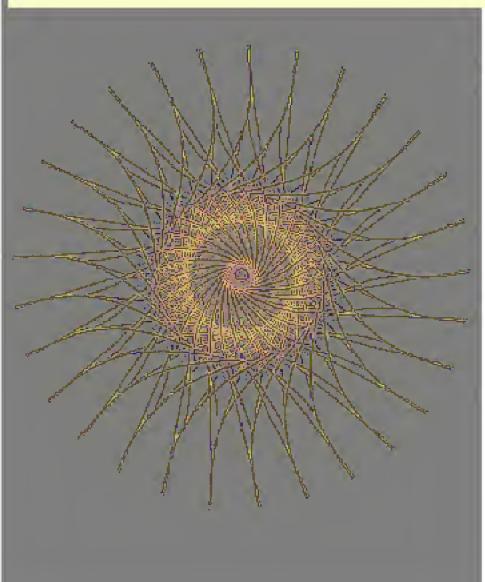




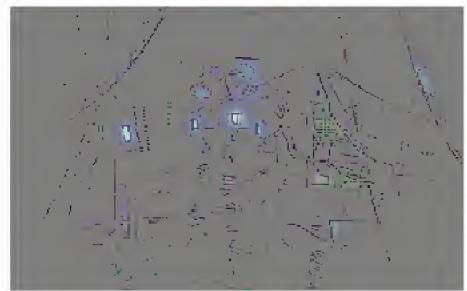


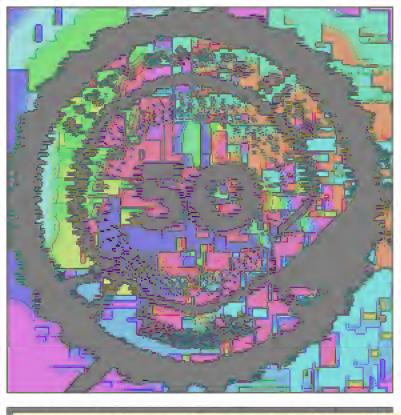


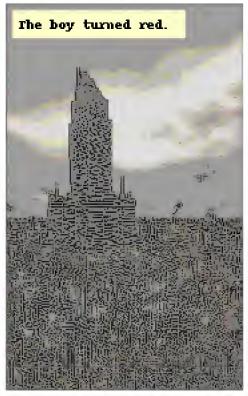
The coffee was too hot for more than a shallow sip, and after one I put it on the corner of my desk where I could read it when it cooled.











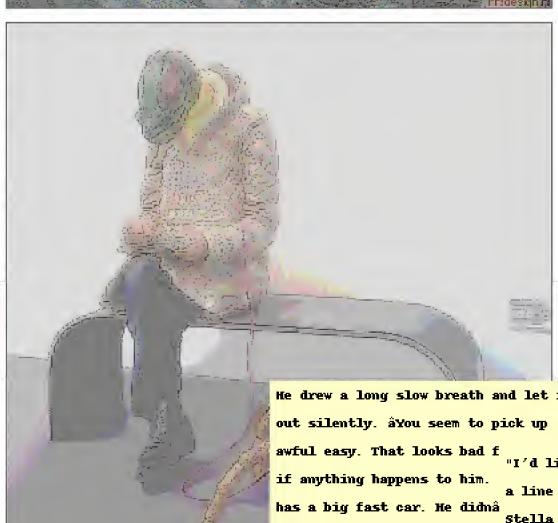


He poured a real drink this time. You could have lost a marble in it. The mark of a wedding ring but no wedding ring the second. Either you didn't see that, or you got scared. Then Marr gets the pictures and it's a cinch he don't get them unless they say so and he don't know they had them. The smile fell off his face like a soiled rag. These cut through wood. They'are cased the way a dentist cases your tooth for a gold inlay. He sold the real ones, I guess, and made you up a string of ringers, with your clasp. He had dark skin and a handsome head of iron-gray hair brushed back from his forehead.

"Gimme my gat," Frisky yelped.







â0key,â he said. "No, I'm trying to find your husband, and I'm trying to find out who killed Lola Faithful and Lippy," said. . about a girl who wrote some letters once. He has no one to turn to for help, so he goes to Marlowe. "









tell us why. He turned the g later and got a nolle prosse





I plan my next Marlowe with a backgrou of Palm Springs, Poodle Springs I call it, because every third elegant create you see has at least one poodle. Gawd, but youâre handsome. Itâs too bad youâ soft. If the girl has to tell her stop the pictures wonât matter. But there v too much brutality. They donât go for that in the organizations.



have a heart, drink water







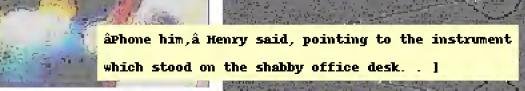




âAll I could find out,â I told her, âis that the dump on Idaho Street is peddling reefers. You didnât mean to kill herâdid you?â







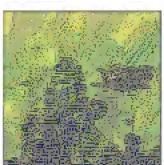
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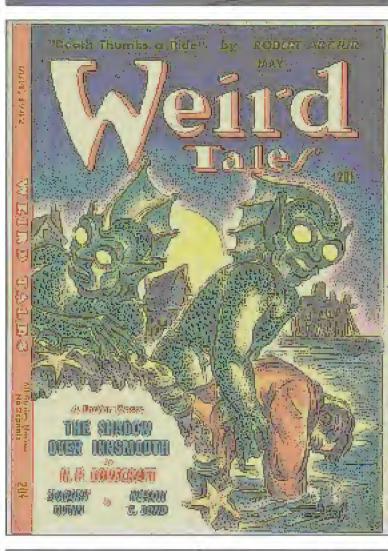


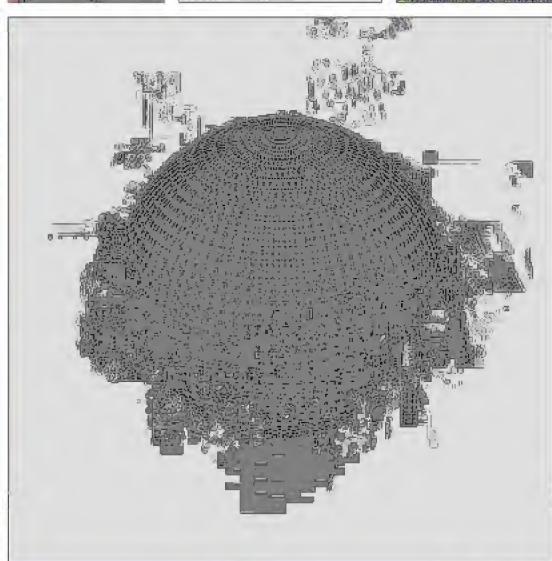




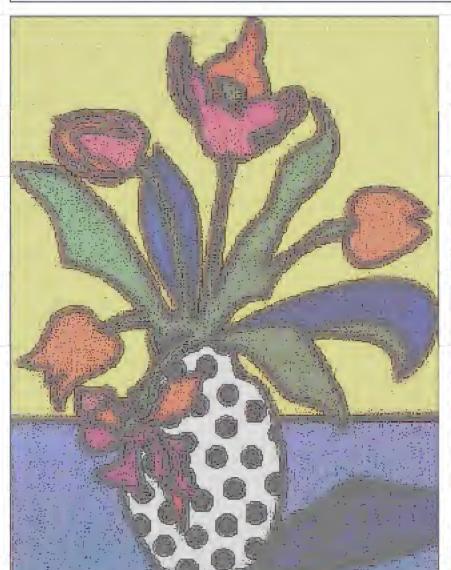




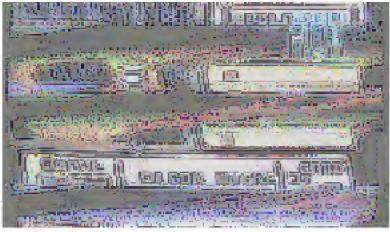












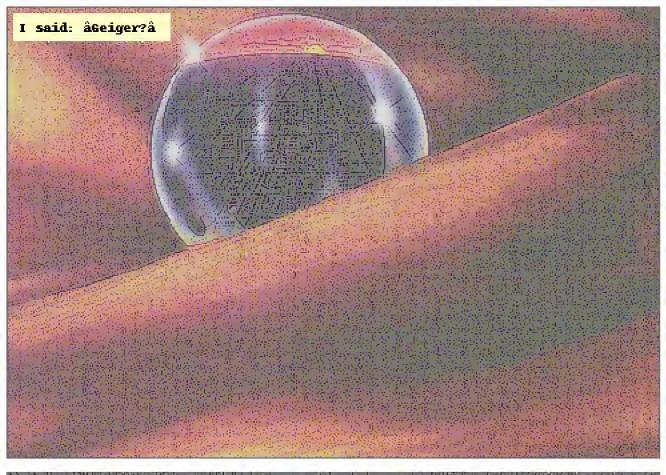


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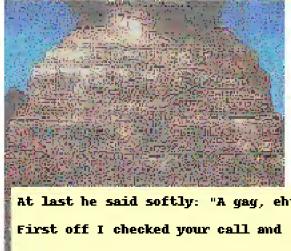
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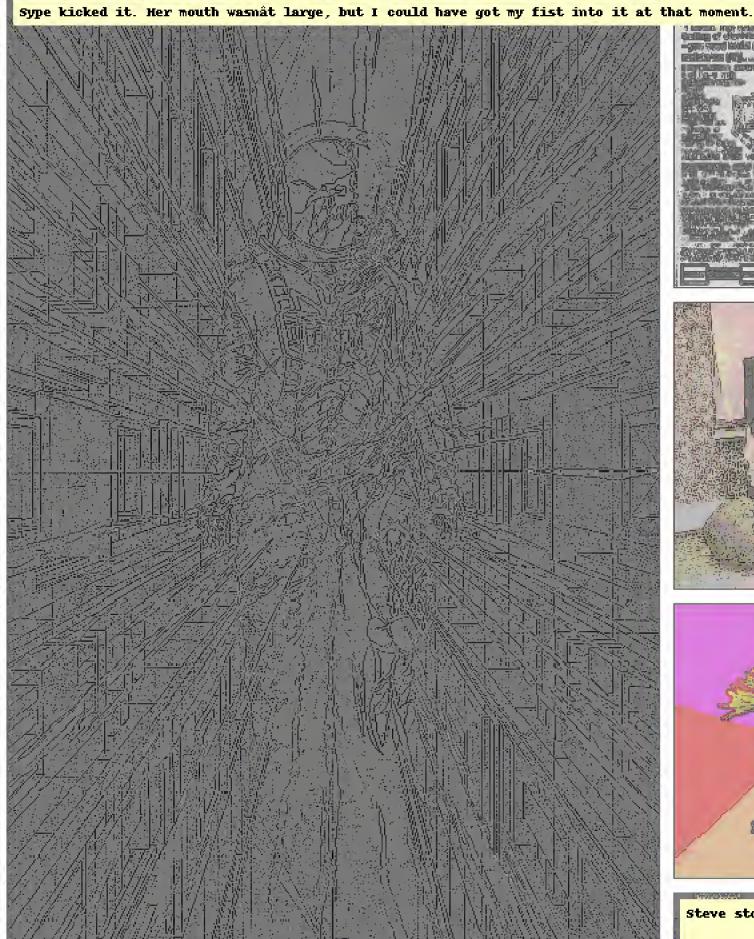
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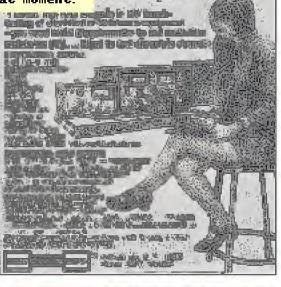


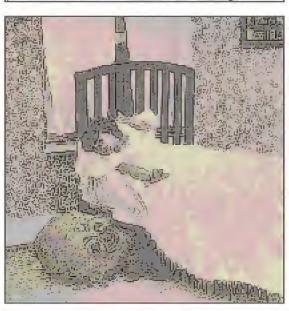
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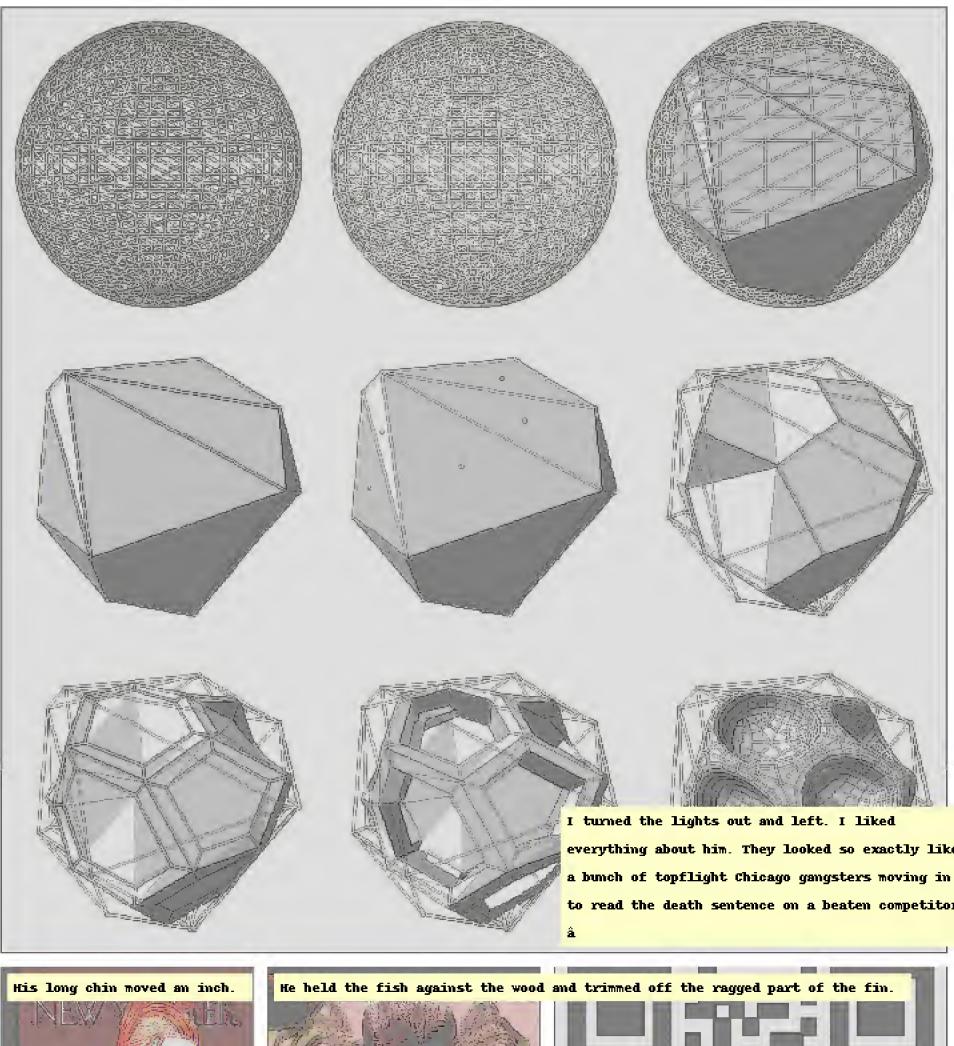


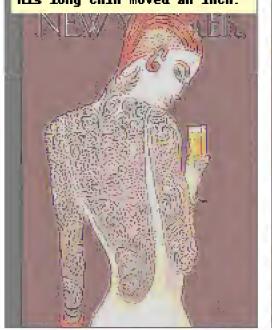






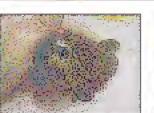
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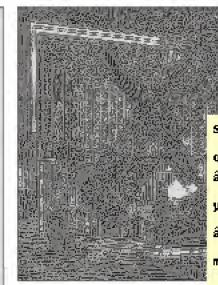




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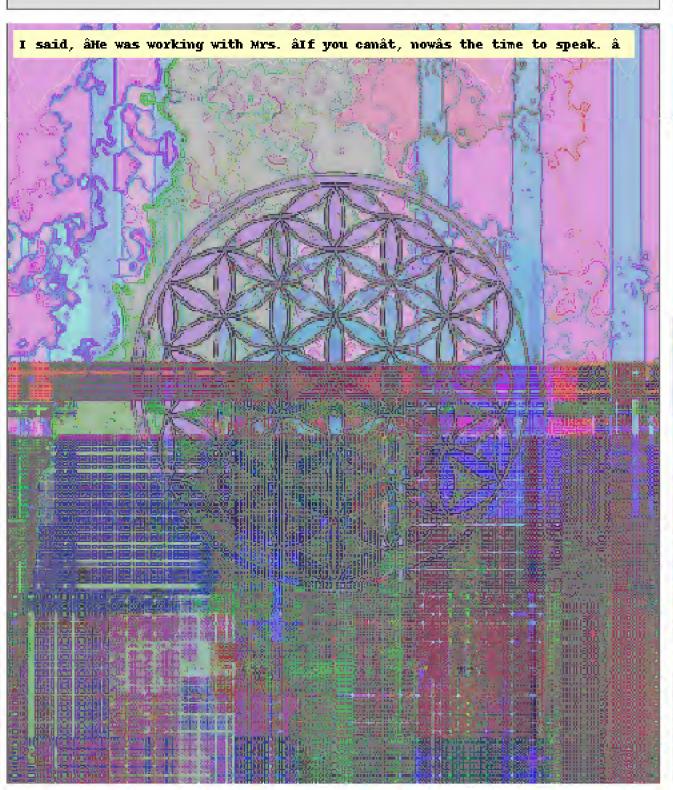
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âWh<mark>v?</mark>â



The lines of her face got contemptuous. Her steps f downhill.



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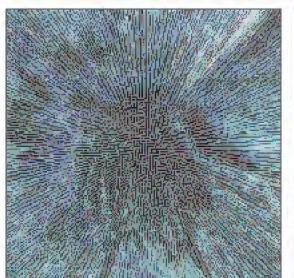
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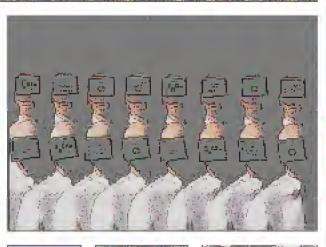


åSo itås all right about Miss Riordan. A crunching blow seemed to split my head wi open. Somebody far out on the lake fooled with a ukulele. å



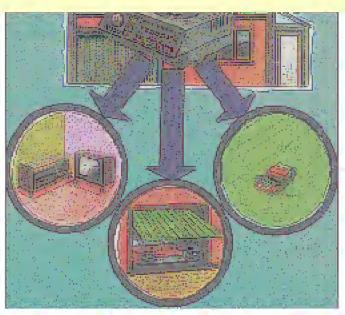
Kingsley stared at him and moistened his lips. âI donât think so either. â He opened the car door and stepped out on the curbing. â0h. âI still have Mr. Might be nothing at all. Might be anything that didn't take too much work or too much honesty. å

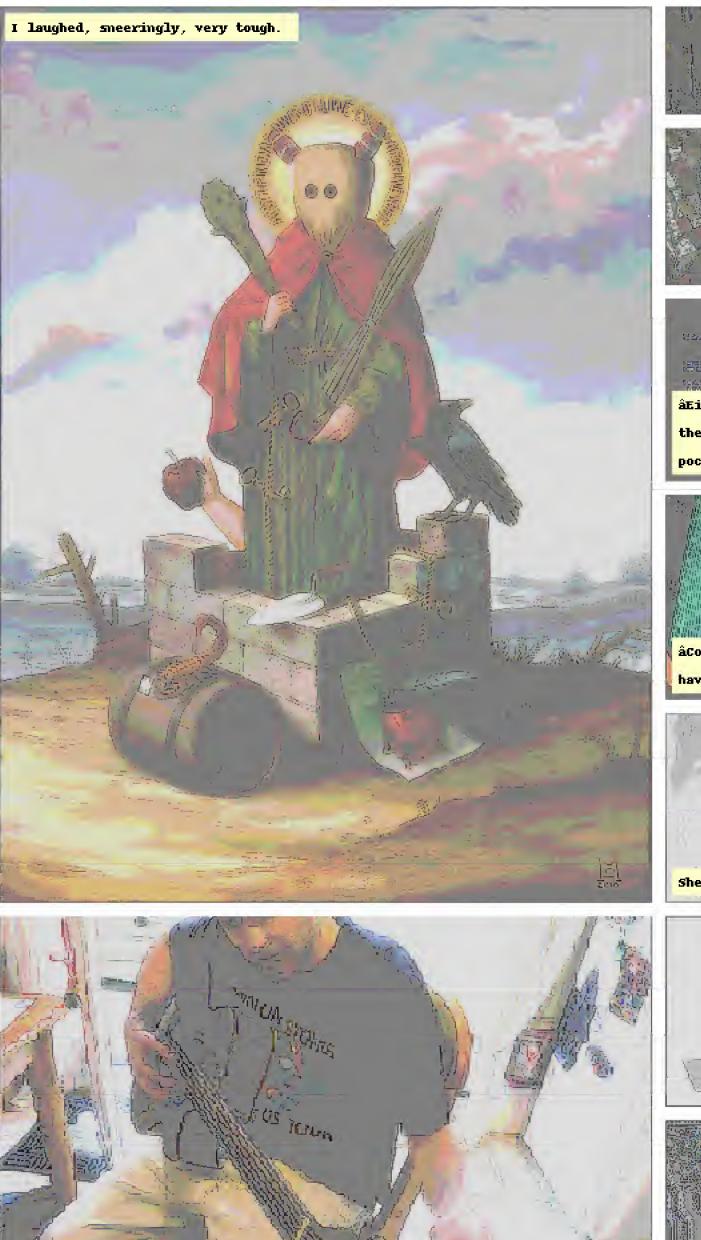












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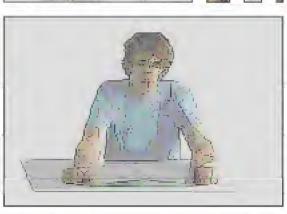
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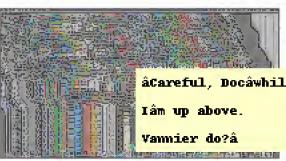


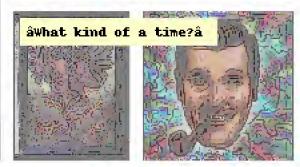


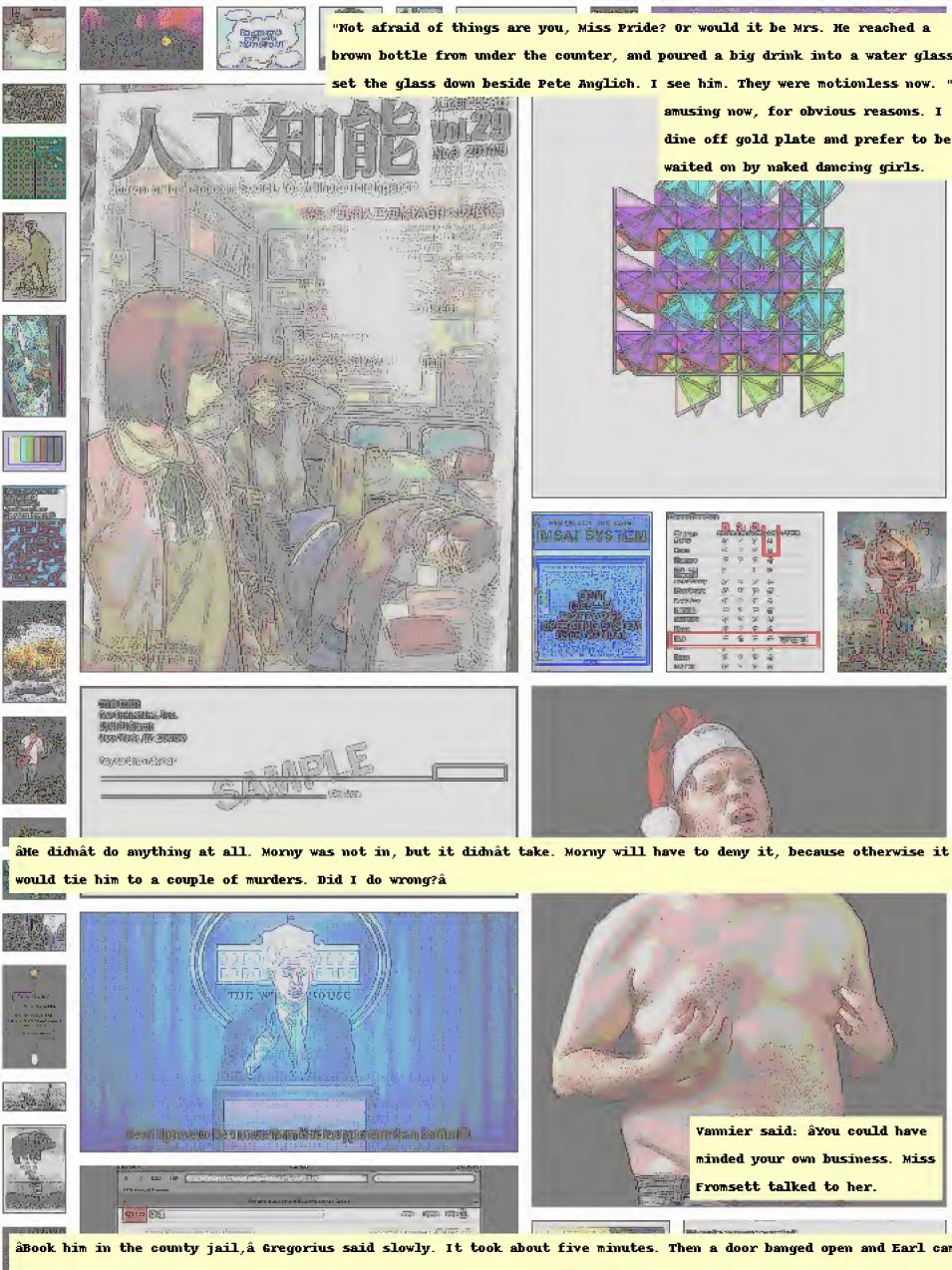




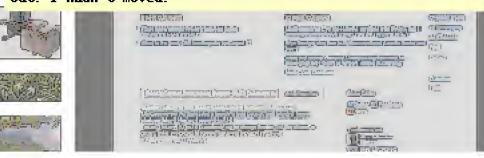




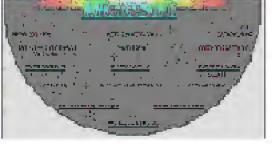


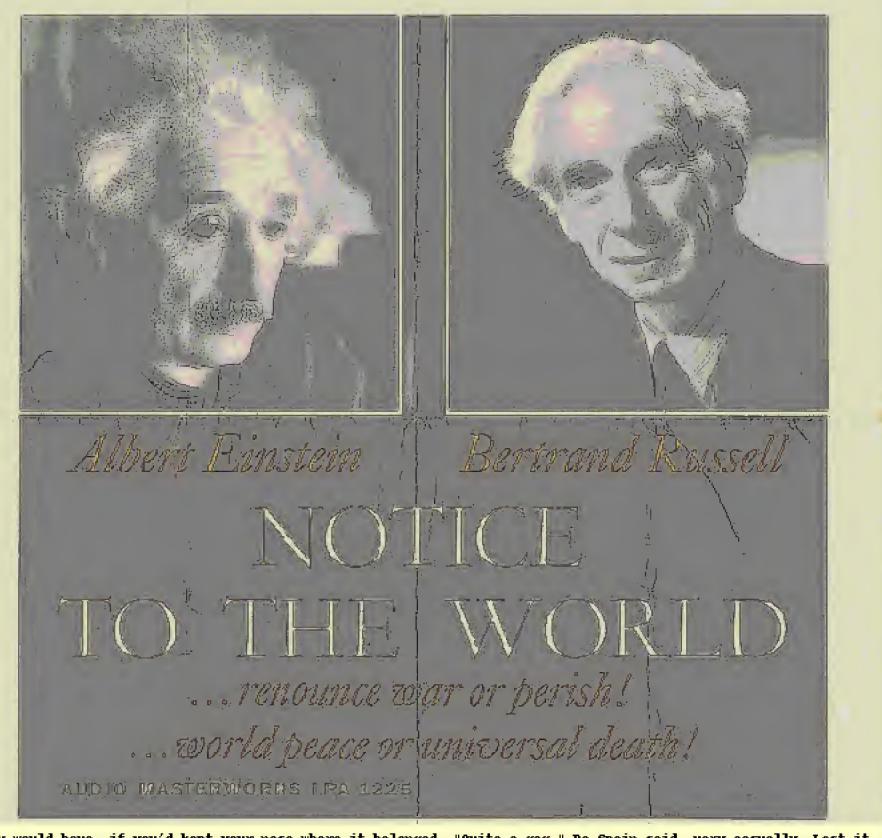


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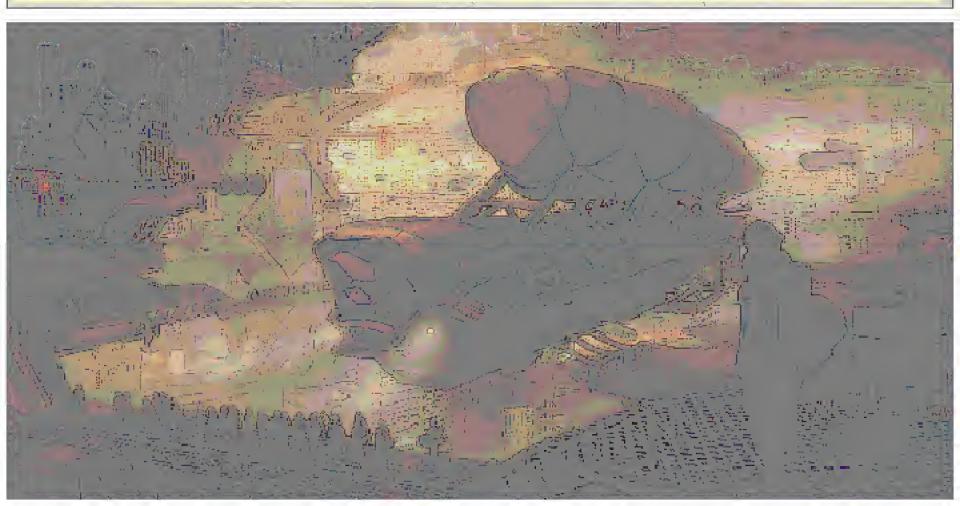


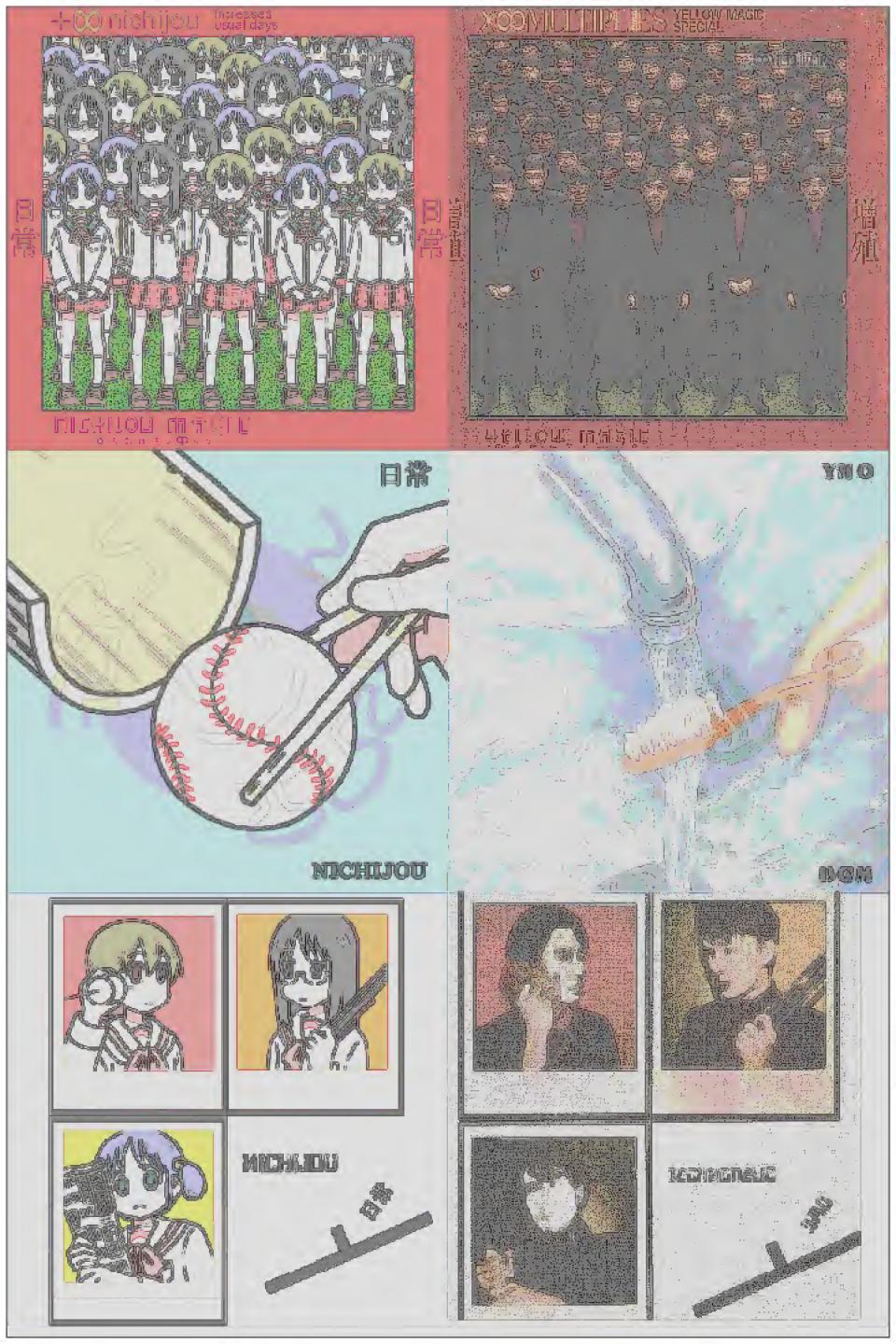


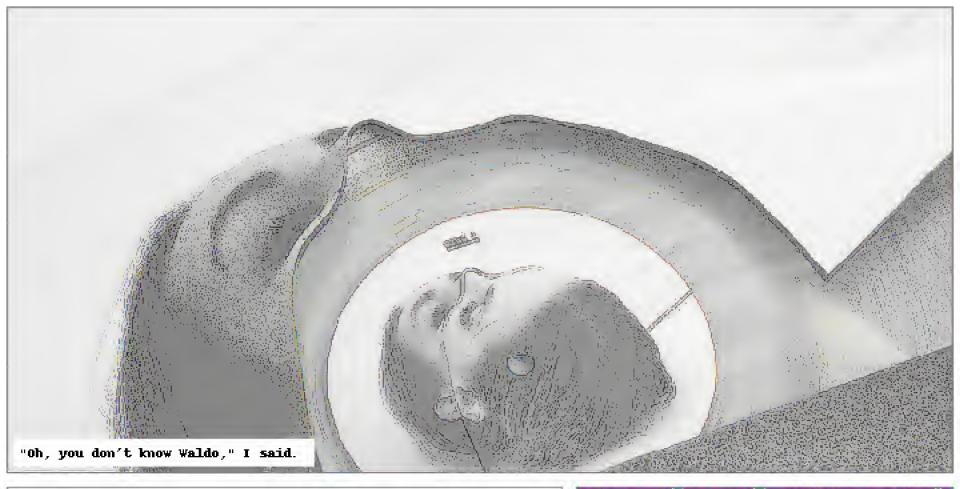




"They would have, if you'd kept your nose where it belonged. "Quite a gag," De Spain said, very casually. Lost it, \pm didn't you?"







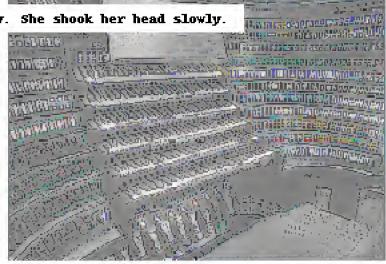


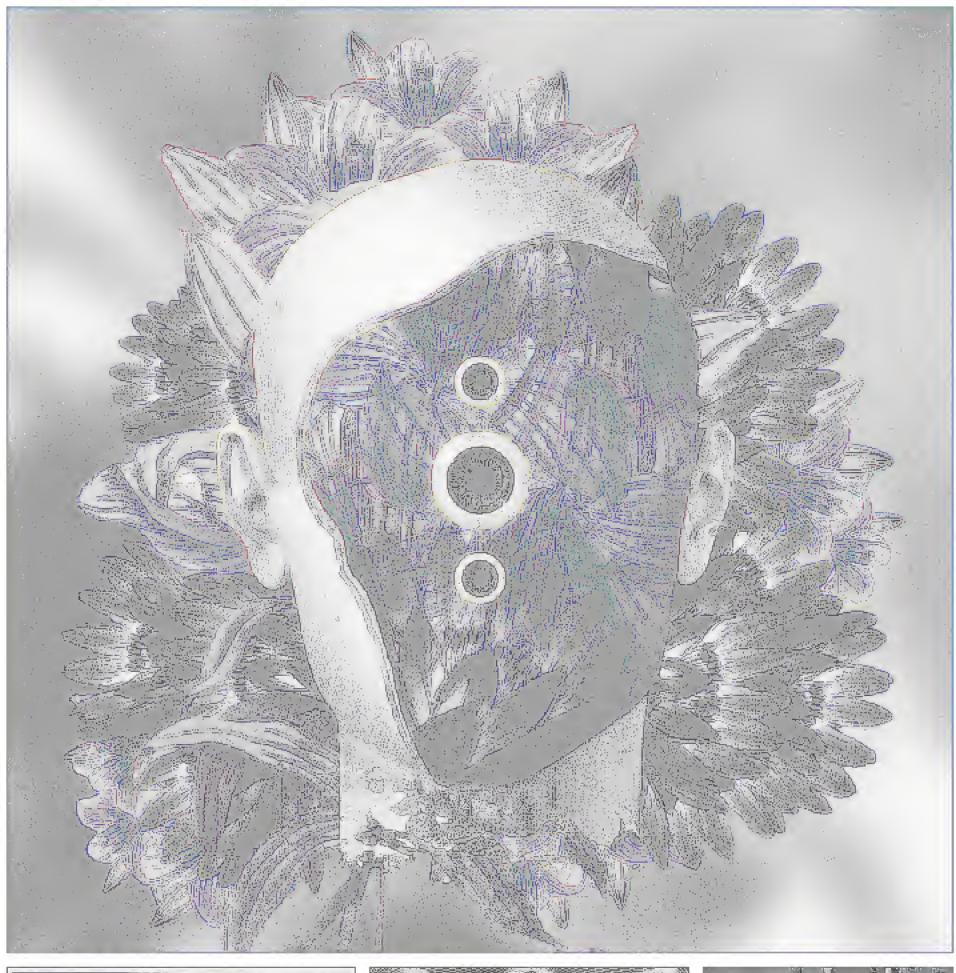
She got up quickly, very quickly for her, and stood a moment almost swaying. "Waldo?"

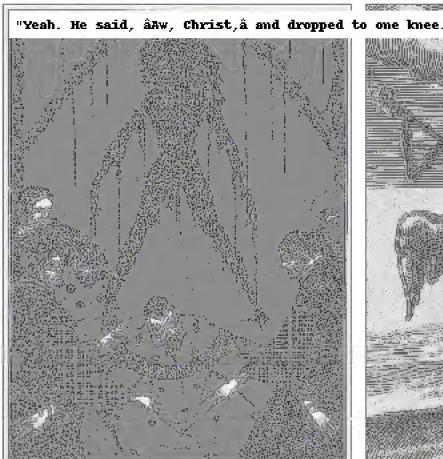
Her voice became an icy drawl. Now that trust deed didnât interest me at all at first, but hereås how it works. "













åNothing. She went up the stair slowly, moving with ca Miss Gle elegance. But sheall h made an reason. All us tough g abrupt hopeless sentimentalis movement heart. "

"You came in here a little toug flashing your wad," I said.



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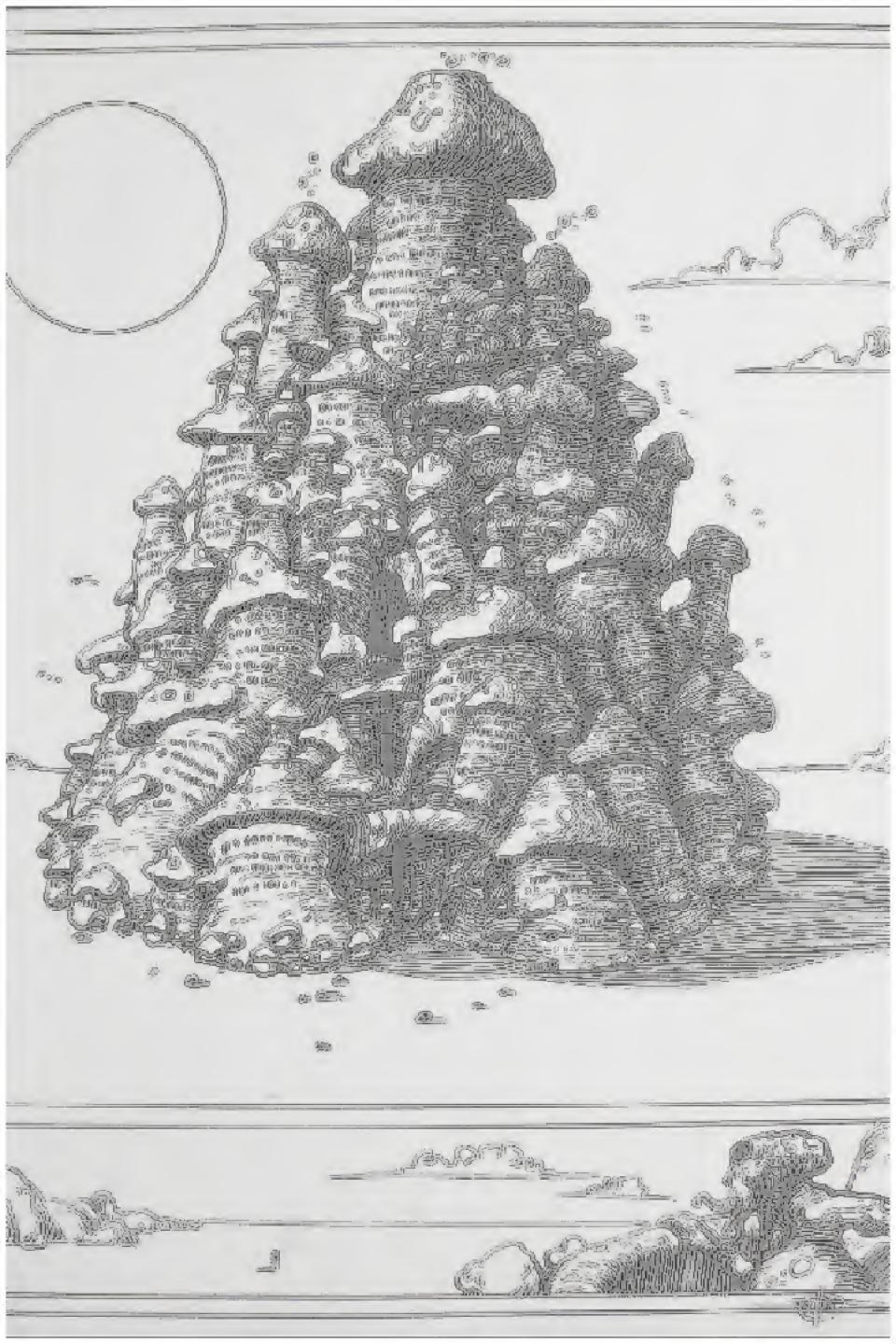
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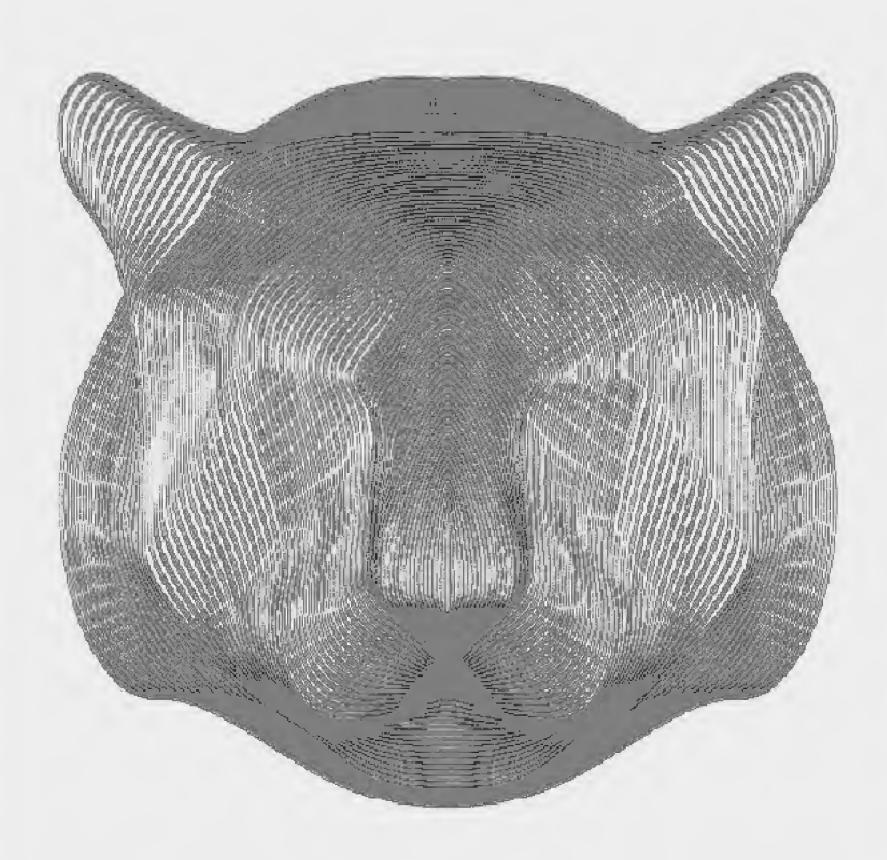




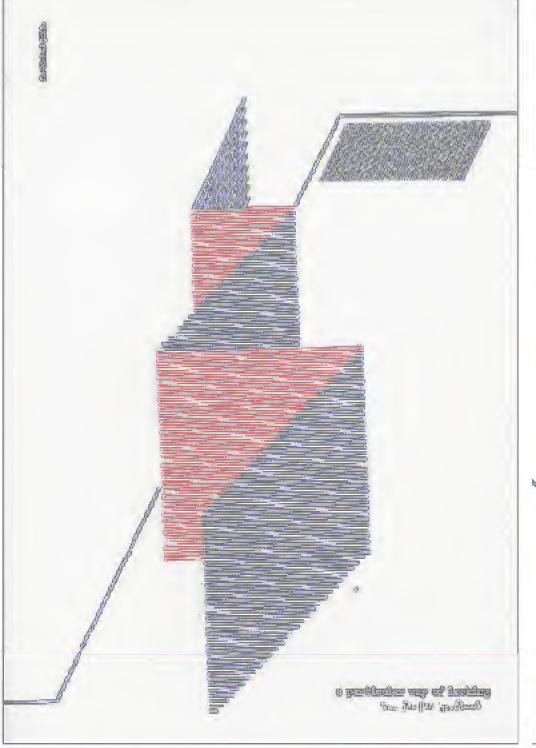
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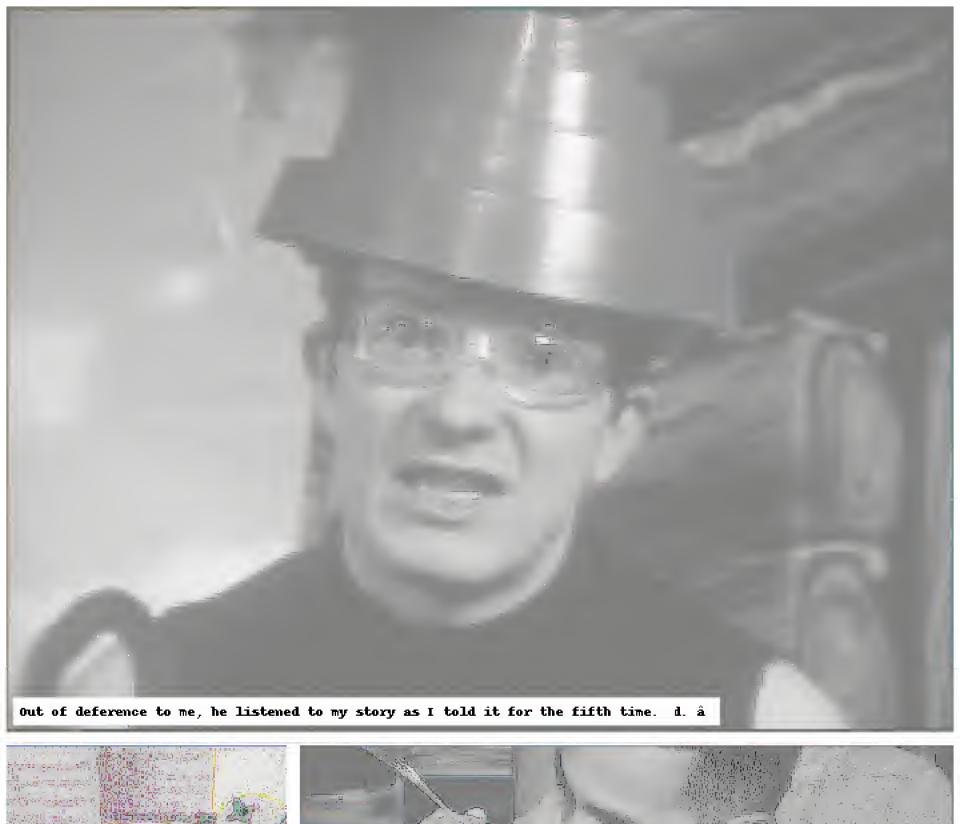
She stopped talking and laced her fingers together tightly, then pulled them apart violently, as if she wanted to hurdherself. I had to think of something to fit what happened. I told her a little of how I felt about Terry and she gave the idea that I would have a short unhappy career if I got you mad. But why keep me here?â





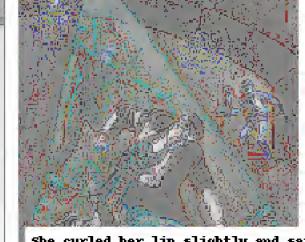












âYes?â

She curled her lip slightly and sa nothing. åAnd if you want to know,

âYe-es. "You could be doing that all your life. I'll take it fast. You can hold on detest wearing perfume in the later on. â office. â

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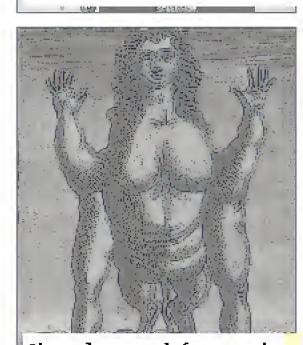
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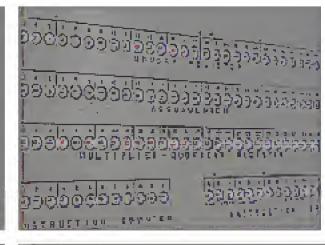
åAttaboy. Other kinds are valuable to some extent for the material, b chiefly for the workmanship on the And more novels: The Little Sister (1949), The Long Goodbye (1954). â



It was long enough for a man to stretch out in, and a man was stretched out in it, on his back.









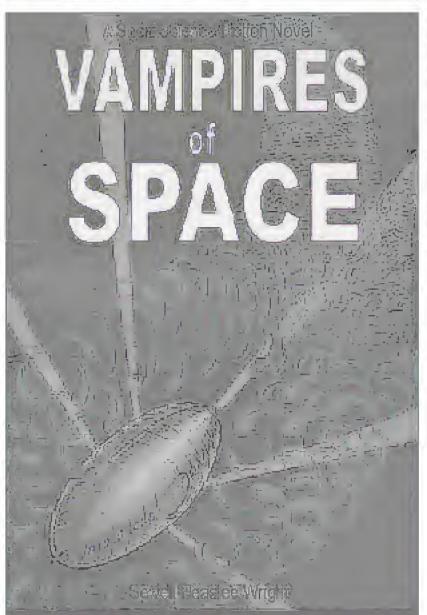








I nodded. Carmady parked around the corner, went in at the employees' entrance and rode to the fourth floor in a ricks elevator operated by an old man with a dead cigar in his mouth and a rolled magazine which he held six inches from his nose while he ran the elevator. He was staring at Conant. Violet eyes. Almost purple. But from time to time there wereâincidents. I was the first writer to write about Southern California at all realistically. â







åListen, Marlowe. åLike that fat slob they have for chief of police nowadays. Maybe youâre selling insurance. å

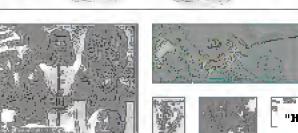




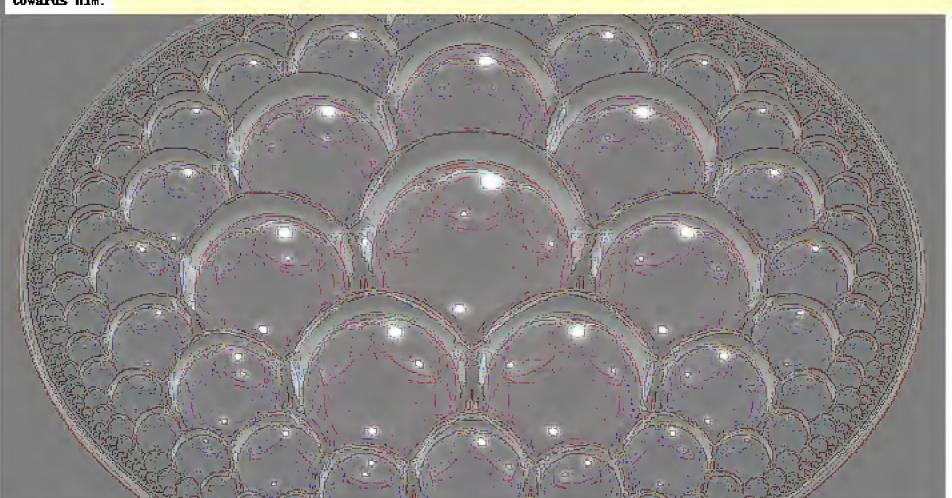


åAnd suppose Talley noticed this while Lave: was telephoning to the doctor, who was out on his rounds.





"He's really dead?" she whispered. Across the street a âYou know, Eddie, you guys donât give a good goddamn whether these guys are Communists or what they areâBrecht or anybody else. Wait'll I get some glasses. " He took a couple of steps farther into the room and I took the same number towards him.



I left him there in the rain. He grabbed her arms hard enough to bruise her and slowly using his strength he pulled he tight against his body and held her there. He went out of the room down the hall toward the sound of the dance band. I kept my feet, backed toward the wall as if I was distancing myself from the cook. And you and a girl here. She was despeted to smack her head around.

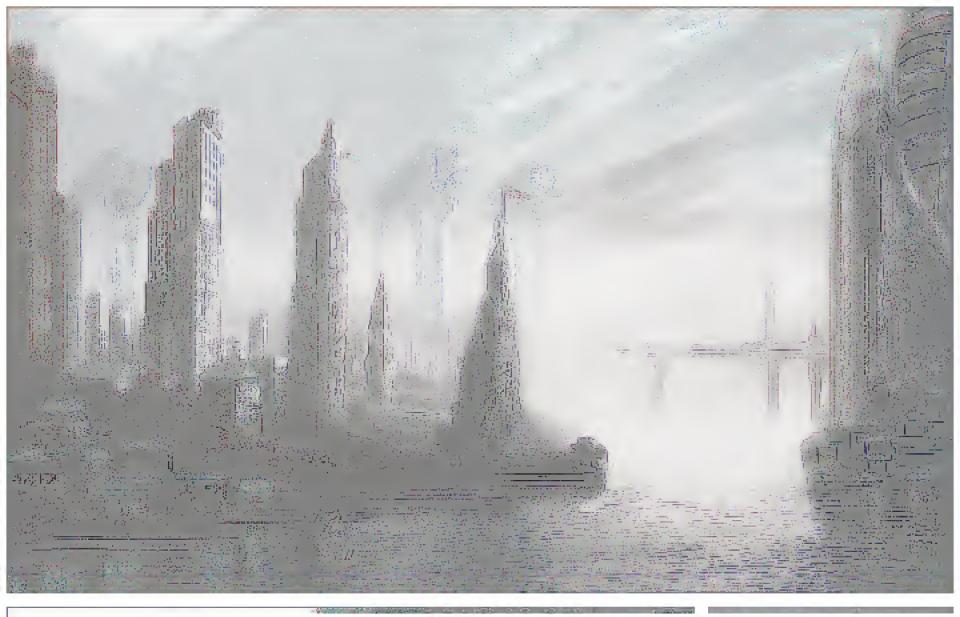


âMaybe there will, maybe there wonât. â His voice was little drowsy now. Donât worry about that, Marlowe. I: you do, I wonât be able to find anything out. He knew who I was and what I was doing. Blood came out on his lips.

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fingers. Its door
slammed open and a
figure jumped out o
it, waving a gun an
shouting. There wer
clothes on racks,
feminine clothes,
nice clothes.

Bud Cone looked like the embalmers had got halfway wi him, but hadnat started putting the fluid back in yet From Violets M'Gee I got the large and succulent razzberry, and from the late Howard Melton I got what was left of the fifty dollars he had advanced me. I went out there. a He dropped the cigar back in the drawer and looked at the open file. a





"Not me," I said. Then he took the chewed match out of his mouth, looked at the flattened end of it, tossed it away.



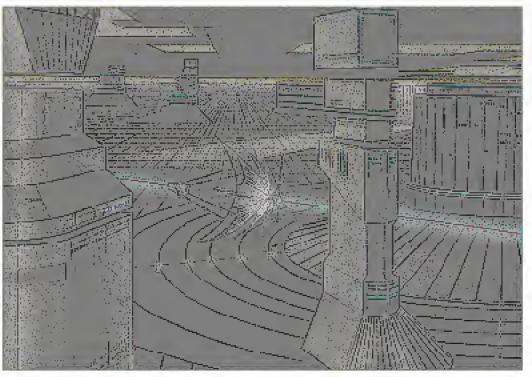


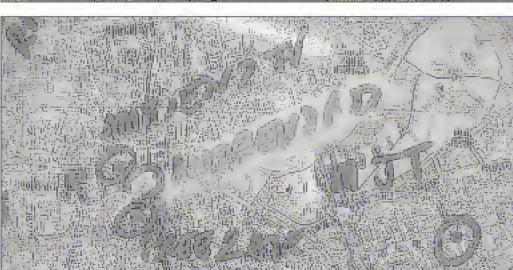
"You must have relatives on board," I said. I didn't like amy more than I liked his clothes, or his face. â



âThatâs just it, mister! I don know what Iâm supposed to shut up about. His misery had a theatrical flavor, as real misery so often has.









aBut you can at wear the chiselers dow so far? a necessarily an interesting place. What I said. Aage shot her. The blonde girl didn at move a mus a why had a heavy purr, like a small dynamo behin would I wall. He threw the rifle down on the counte have a threw the ankle away from him, hard.



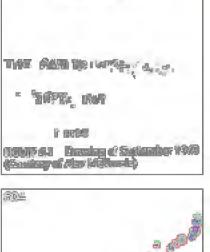
On December 12, 1954, Chandlerâs wife Cissy died and Chandler never recovered. So I canât read the names yet, but thereâs about five hundred of them. It was gone from its place in one of the locked fireproof cases. World called in freelancers like me to fill in while the regulars were out beating the bushes. After two days, somebody at World decides the worns are at two costing too much











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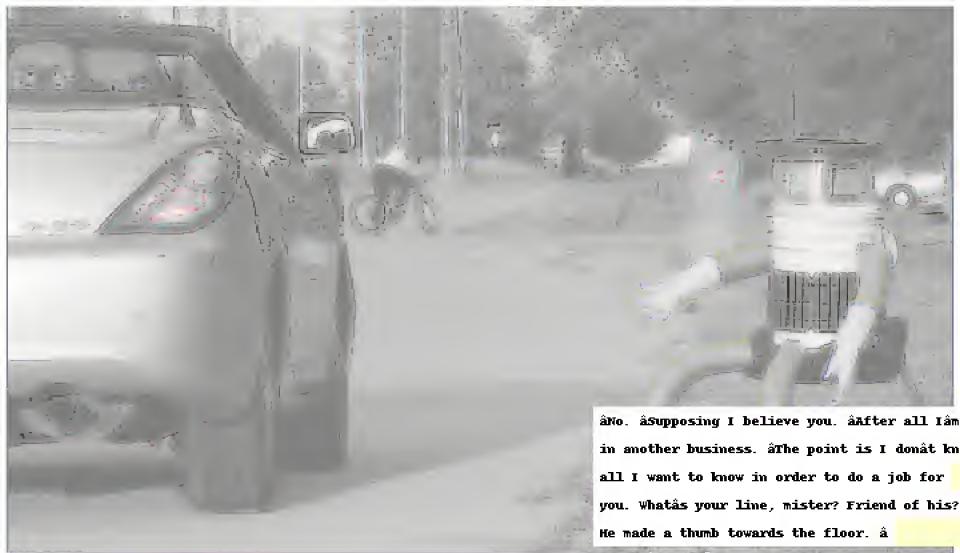
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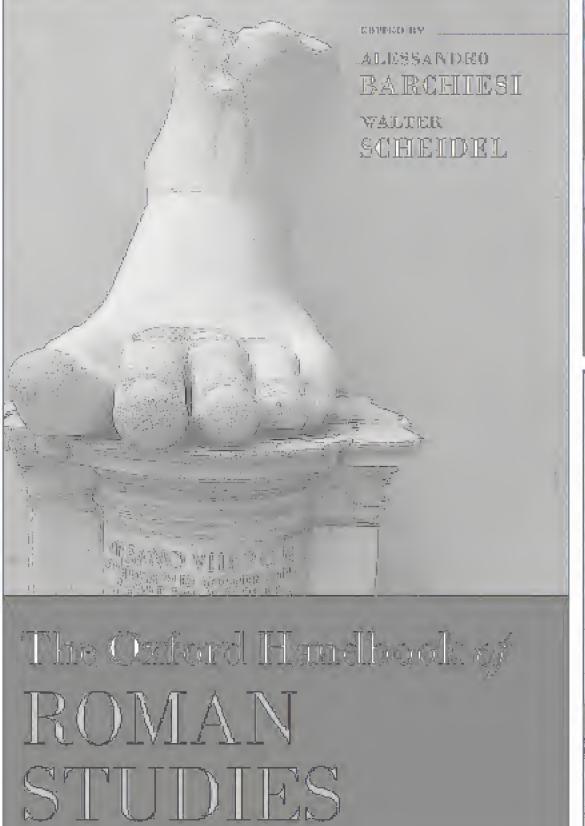
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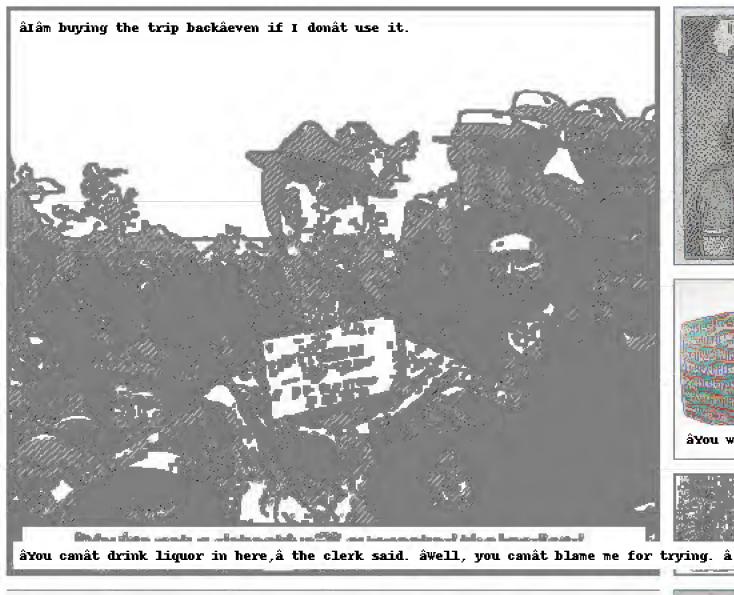




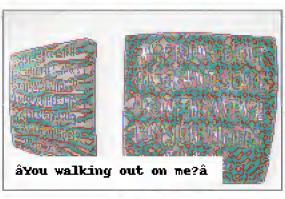


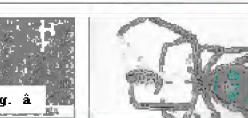
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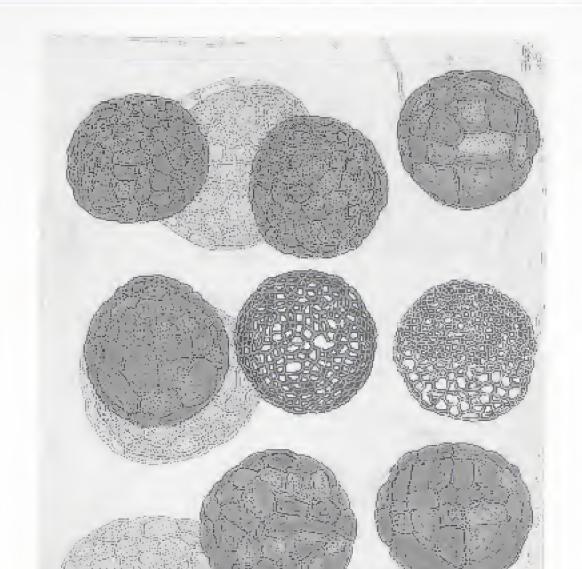
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âPhil, this oneâll make us all fat as geese,â she said earnestly. â



âThatâs right, â I said. âSo Iâve heard. â

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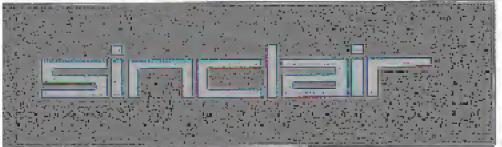
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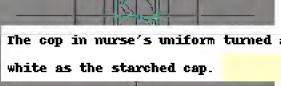
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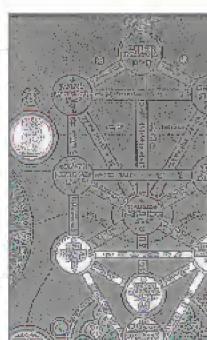






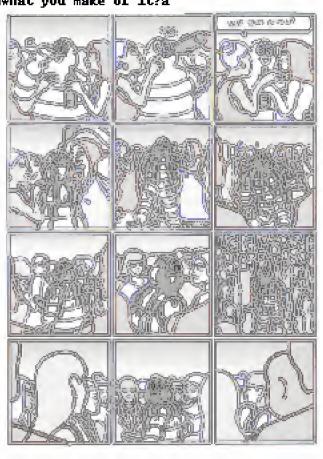


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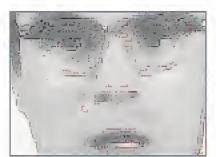




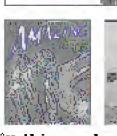




The car slid soundlessly down the driveway, passed between a couple of squat stone pillars and was lost among the lights of the boulevard. âFr here we take a straight walk to the boiler room catwalk. Theyall have steam in one auxiliary, because they donat have no Diesels on this piec of cheese. Heas that kind of lad. â









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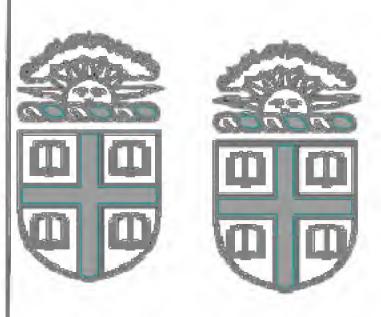
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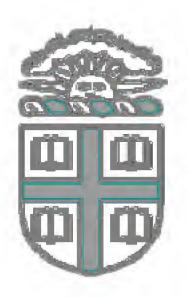
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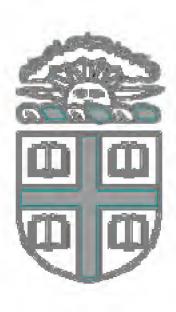
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"I like dogs," Saint said quietly. No one said anything for a moment. You and me are at the jumping-off place. You can beat it because not enough people want to, especially the million-a-year lawyers who work for it. â



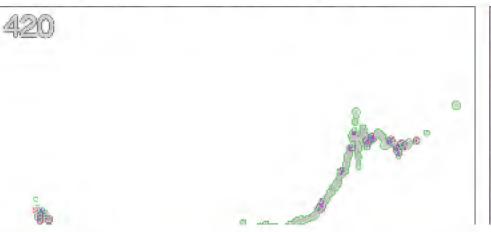


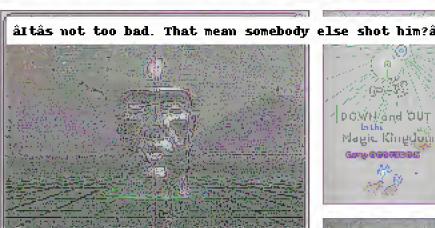




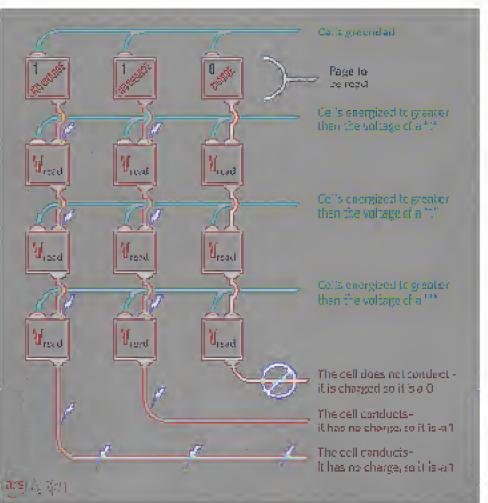






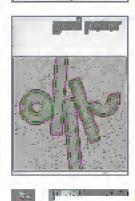


awhen they use a twenty-two that means they donat make mistakes. There was no side porch, no way to get at the windows in a hurry. He wrote out a full confession this afternoon in his hotel room and shot himself. Or that's what everythin had started out as.

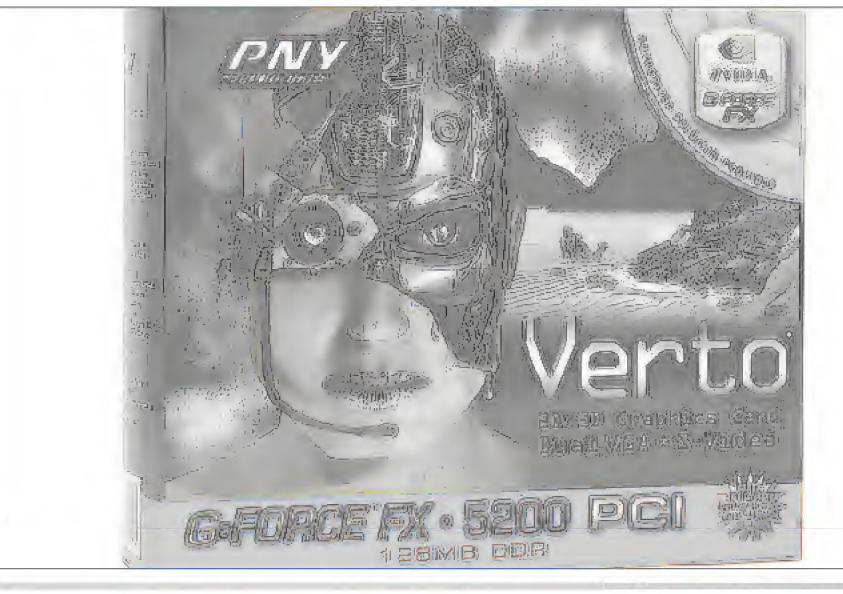




French nodded and tapped his pencil. But I donat believe everything I read. And Headquarters h the number, in the special permits. a



åI think



He shook his head slightly. åThatås the way it happenedåin another room. Straight goods, is it, Gamdesi? About this Jackser?å

"How?" Victor said. I guess she won't be home for a while. Iâm not one of these promiscuous bitches. Regan hasnât bothered anybody that I know of. Her chauffeur, a lad named Owen Taylor, had it out.



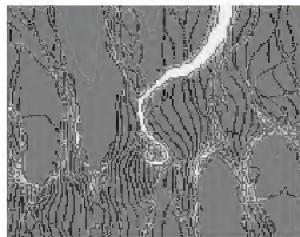
clustering hair, a thin short nose, the night shift. It was the only dec cylinder of nickels up and down on h He said: "If it does, murder's getti looked up like a startled deer and h $_{
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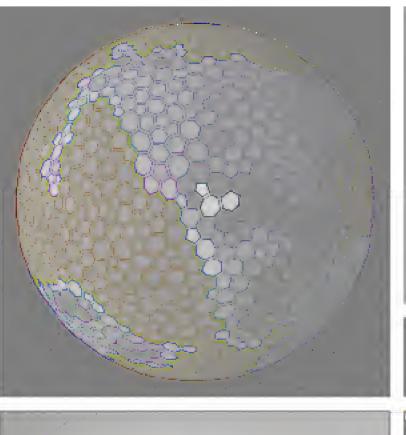
She thumbed a wick of hair past her large ear. Naturally he wouldn't stick around very long. How could she? a



Gandesi nodded vigorously. A forehea I scratched my ear. is right hand out of his pocket and tossed a wrapp palm as he stepped lithely across th started to shake. I told her I was g a place of entertainment on Central

Avenue? Mike Florian?â





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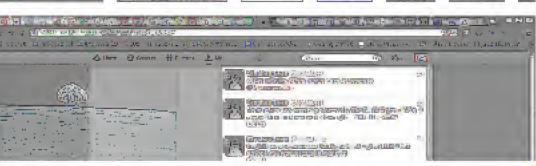




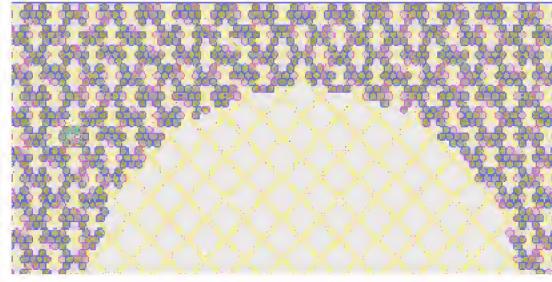


said.





Namey showed me into the living room, left, and returned with her mother. âThere are more angles to this than I can even see now, â I said, åbut Iåll start by talking to Lavery and then taking a run up to Little Fawn Lake and asking questions there. Donat think there wasnât. â



She nodded. "I suppose so. " She signaled the waiter and paid the check. We tipped the Feds. He gassed up there and th service station kid recognized him from the description we broadcast a while back. I picked up his gum and held it on him while I tapped all the placesânot just pockets or holstersâwhere a man could stash a second gum. He drank both of them without a word. His eyes popped at the stripped bed and then began to swing around. So he might handle reefers, touch a percentage from some one of his workers he gave the business to. â



âWould be about a year and a half,â the cop said, musingly. "Agatha with you all the time at the studio?"















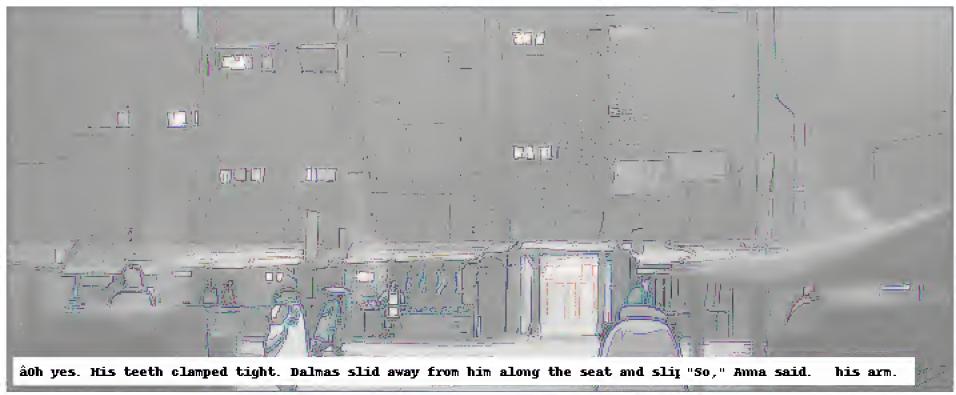


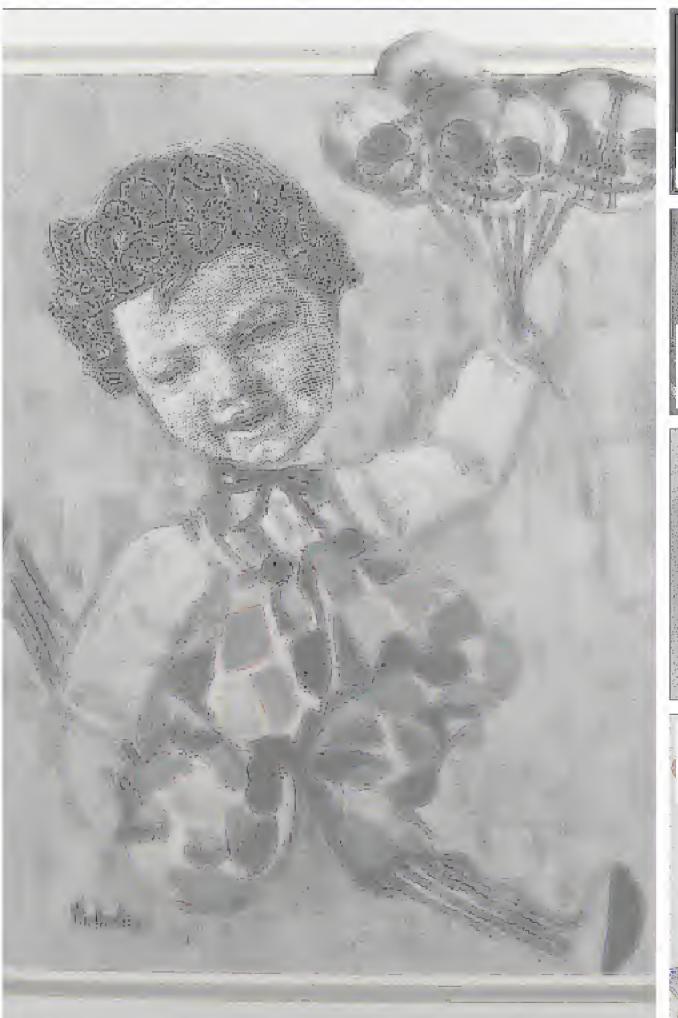






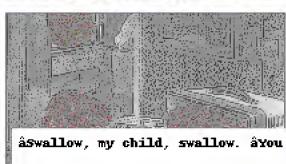








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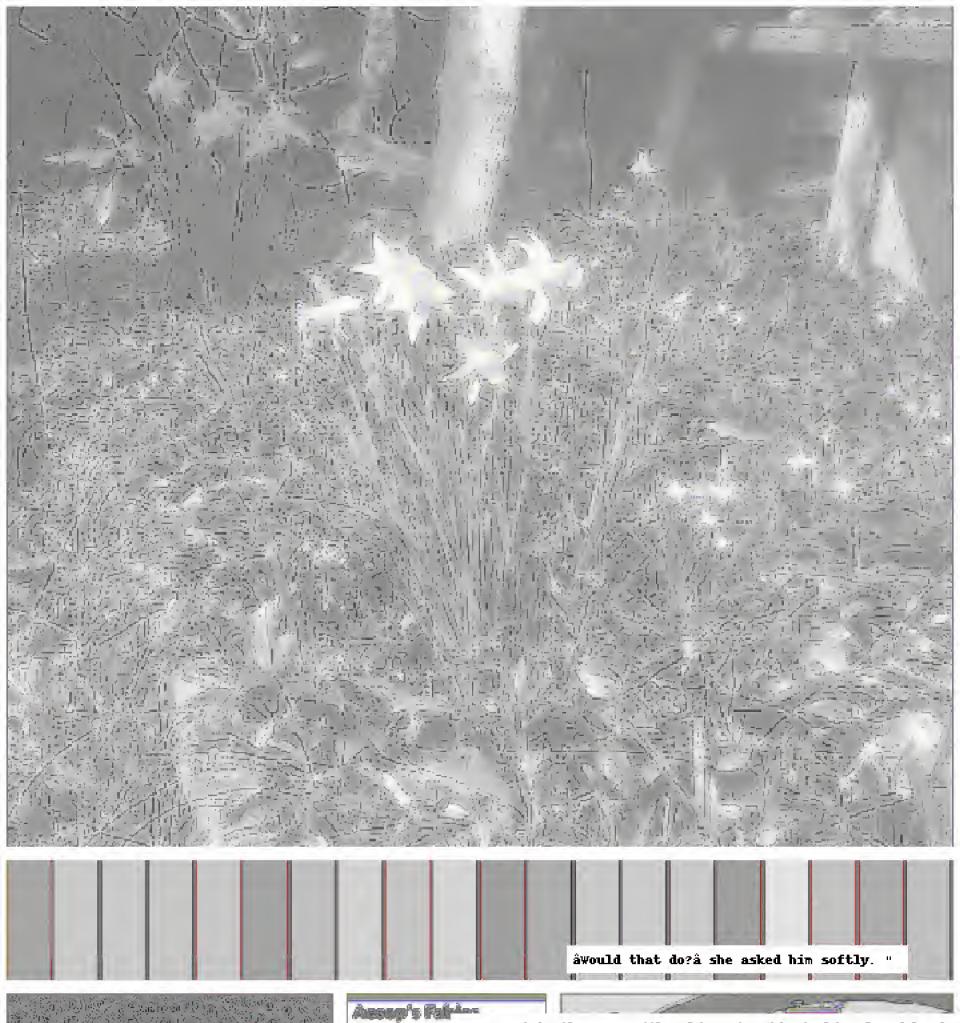


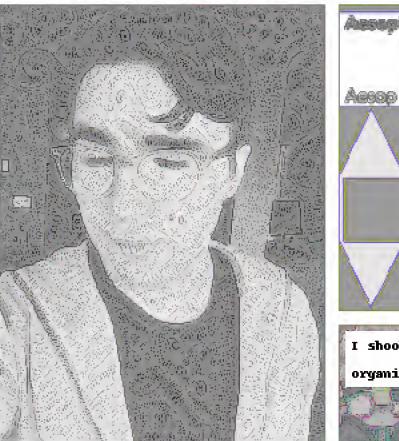
åSwallow, my child, swallow. åYou tell me why you want her found and Iâll tell you where she is. å



Francine Ley screamed flatly and hurled herself at himaclawing, kicking, shrilling.







He came into the room with a big automatic in his gloved hand.
"That old crow will live for another fifty years. A. I drove up

there early this morning. I went back up the steps and into the bedroom and pulled the bed to pieces and remade it. Her voice lacked the edgy twang of a beer-parlor frill. She made a thin plaintive sound, like a starved cat. He was her first husband. The man with the chopper had raked the room waist-high, back an forth, without lowering it far enough. Then they went back in through the window and the dog howled. I see anot alf you ever like. Sure you knew her?a

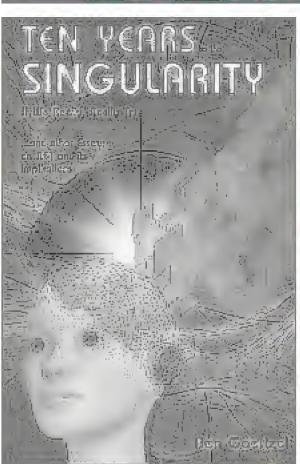
I shook my head, no. Why not try the Missing Persons Bureau? mistake the organization. I picked I sat down with the bottle on my knees, second time.

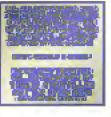


traffic noise somewhere, far off. åI tr What's in you once. å He got up and went to the door. ^{pants} is your















"Big blond bruiser, plays a fair game of golf, thinks he's hell with the women, drinks heavy but hasn't sicked up on the rugs so far. The room was as black as Carry Nationâs bonnet. Then the shroud fell away and a girl was all tinsel and smooth white limb under the hard light and her body shot through the air glitterin and was caught and passed around swiftly among the four black me

"Why the ride home? Just to tell me that?"



fingers were outspread as much as such fat fingers could be, and the yellow paper showed between. Lay off. "

I leaned back and gave him a stony stare. I bent down and picked up a rusty can





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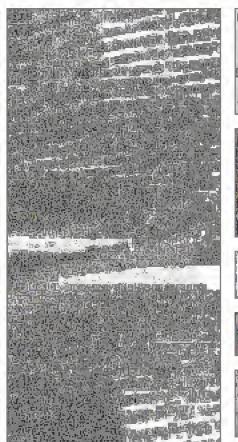




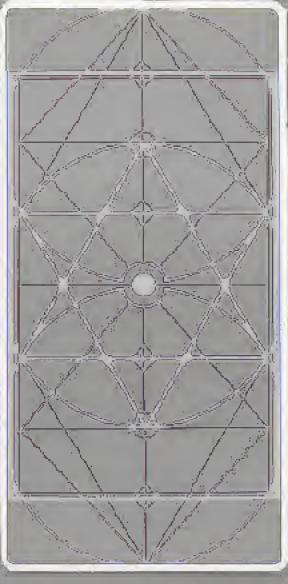


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âYes. They were there before I got there. I thought you were am addict who had taken overdose. å 🌗 name?â

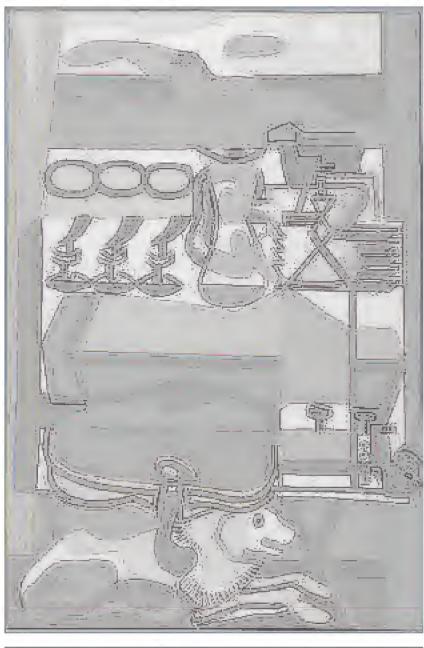




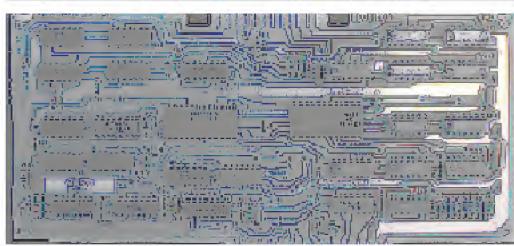


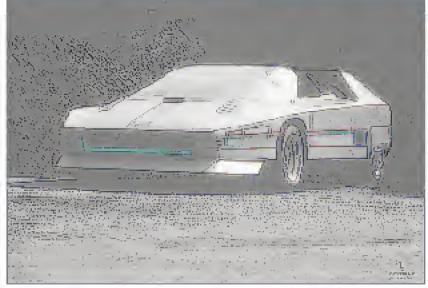






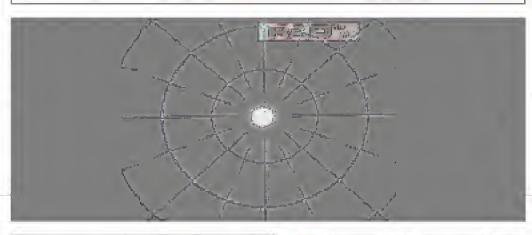


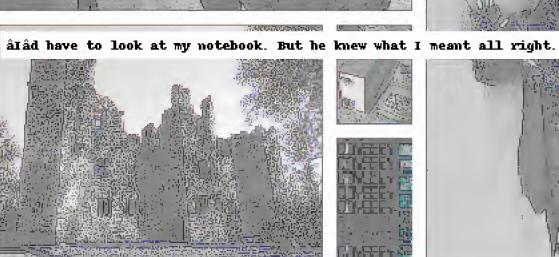




"Let's get a couple of more important things straightened out," said. There were pearls in her ears and rings on her fingers, large, rather cheap rings, including a moonstone and a square-cu emerald that looked as phony as a ten-cent-store slave bracelet. ROBERT J. There was more of it on the desk where the night cleaning woman had put it.

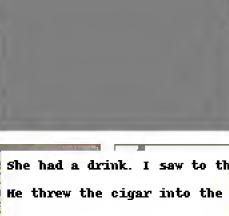








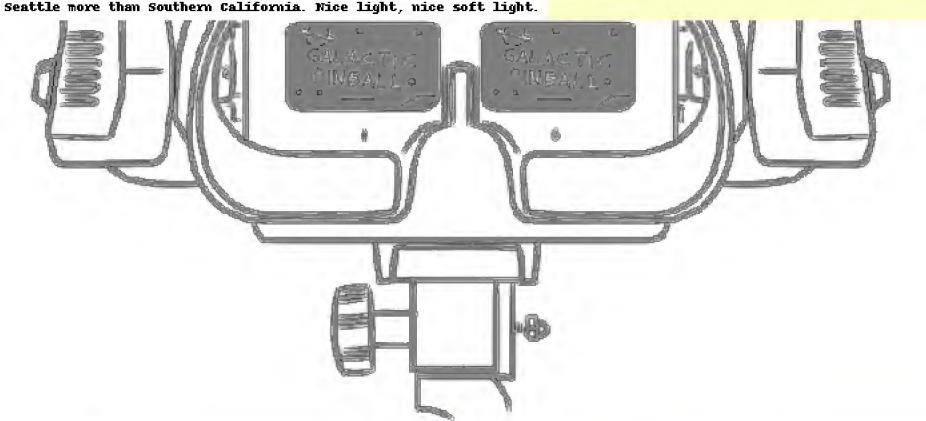




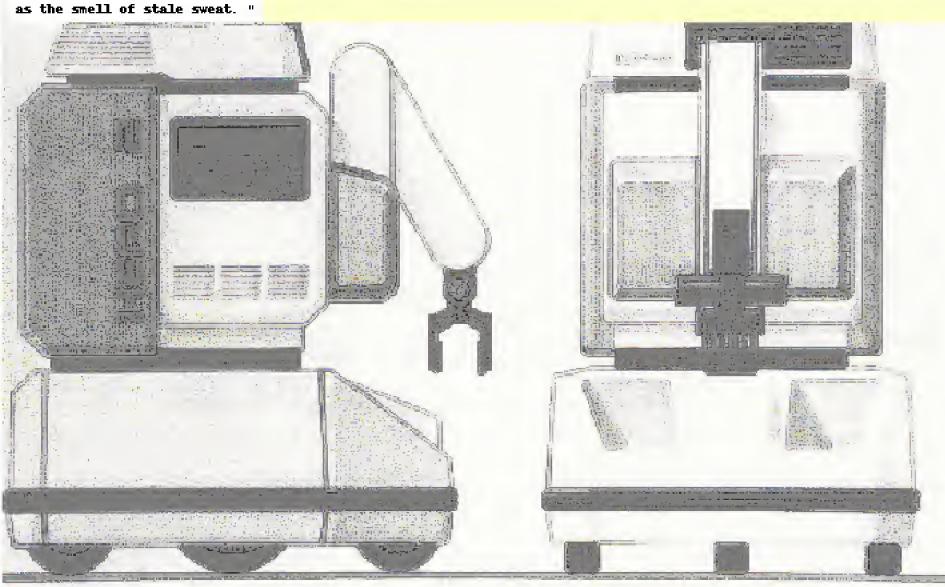
She had a drink. I saw to tha He threw the cigar into the pool, then frowned. While you wouldnât mistake his nose for banana, it helped that it

Behind me and around me there was nothing but silence. She let me hold her arms up but she spread her fingers wide, as if that was very cute. After all, a jury did convict her. â

"My God, are you running for office somewhere? I never knew you to sound so pure. Larry went over to the window again. Noâl havenât seen him. Perhaps heâs sleeping it off. Thatâs bad too. The way you behaved was more or less an act. Then were all sorts of ornamental trees in clumps here and there and they didnât look like California trees. The garages was full to the roof of Canadian hooch. The block had fir trees along it, and brick houses, and looked like Capitol Hill is contained to the contained and they didnate the capitol Hill is the capitol with the capitol with the capitol high.



åJust so we understand each other,å he said after a pause. There is an element of hypocrisy in these war trials that hurts. Not very likely, but what the hell, he was paid by the month. You would find them in tanktown vaudeville acts, cleaned up, or down in the cheap burlesque houses, as dirty as the law allowed and once in a while just enough dirties for a raid and a noisy police court trial, and then back in their shows again, grimning, sadistically filthy and as reas the smell of stale sweat. "

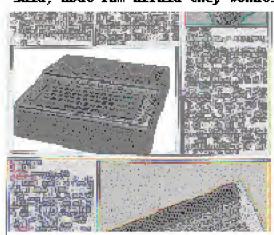


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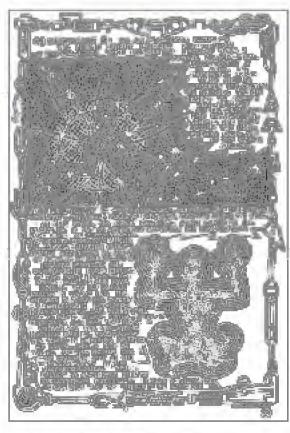


Carmady shook his head slightly. â hope they will spare the trees,â ho said, âbut Iâm afraid they womât. :



I grimmed. This guyâs in a jam. I figure the lady can ride cheaper than what you get for that ambulance. â



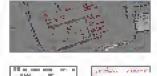












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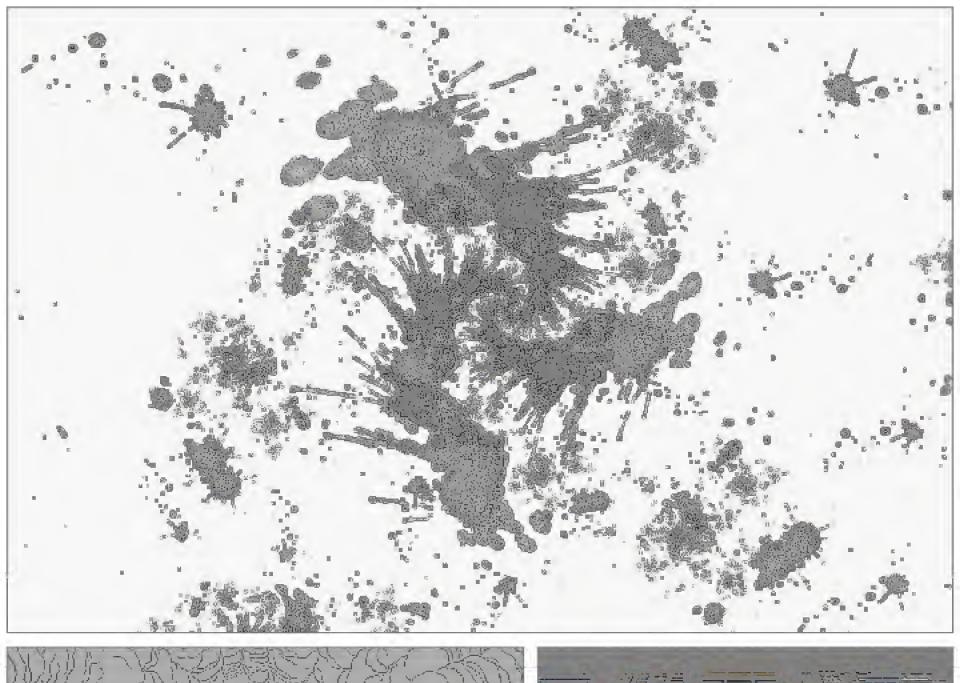
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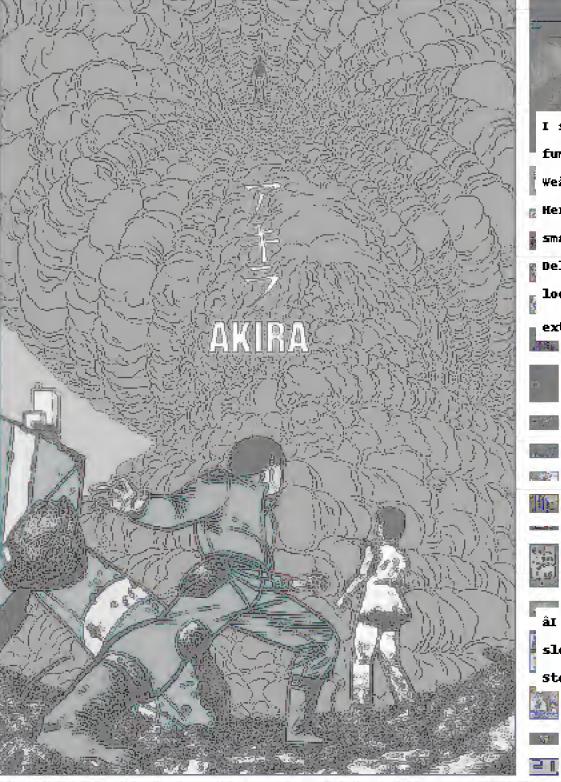
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An ibooks, Inc. He said slowly: aThis doesn
I straightened up and got into the car backwards,
fumbled around for the ignition key and turned it.

Weave been telling him about He walked almost
Her right hand jerked up from delicately across the small automatic in it, the object wide dusty street, his pelaguerra with. She made a hand touching the hard look at her longer without of the gum in his extortionist.

pocket, and came up behind the little car, stood and listened. Ver

albot were having a go
al heard you were kind of hat
time wherever they were
slowly, his eyes cool and wa
and that they would not
stevie. Play the hunch and cover and pulled out a have to hurry home.

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Salinger, for example,

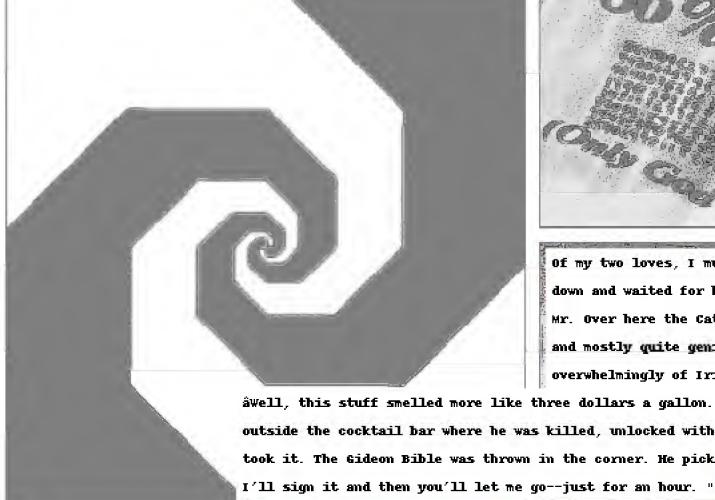
can. Irwin Shaw is not

bad, but he doesm't qui

get it. åThe stained

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Of my two loves, I much preferred the library. I sa down and waited for her to talk. But I didnat think Mr. Over here the Catholics are numerous, powerful and mostly quite genial, but the hierarchy is overwhelmingly of Irish origin and the Irish âWell, this stuff smelled more like three dollars a gallon. âWaldo had a getaway car parko outside the cocktail bar where he was killed, unlocked with the motor running. The killer took it. The Gideon Bible was thrown in the corner. He picked them both up. I'll open it ι











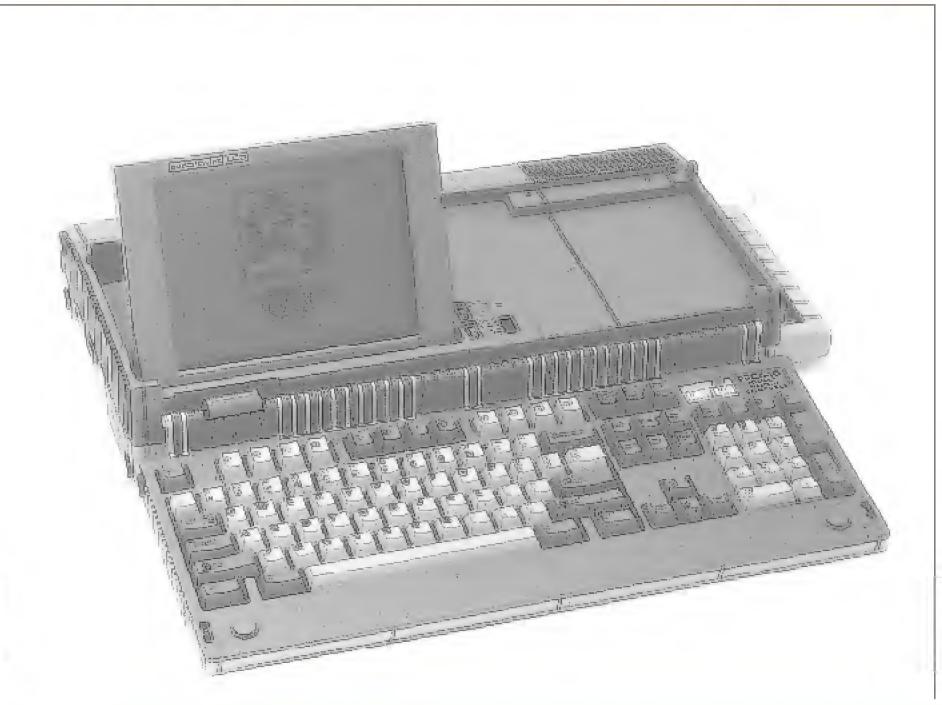




"Jeeze, I ain't done nothing. But I'll see what I can do. "Thanks, Jasper. I just wanted to check with you. Cissy has constant cough which can only be kept down by drugs and the drugs destroy her vitality. She had a black Persian in her arms and she was purring along with the cat.

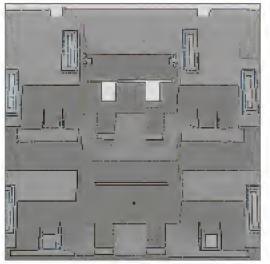


The hall was like the long hall of a railroad flat. It had a brass knocker and a thumb latch above the handle and one those bells you twisted, instead of pushing or pulling them, and it rang just on the other side of the door, rather ridiculously, if you were not used to it. When it had rung eight times I shrugged and reached for it.

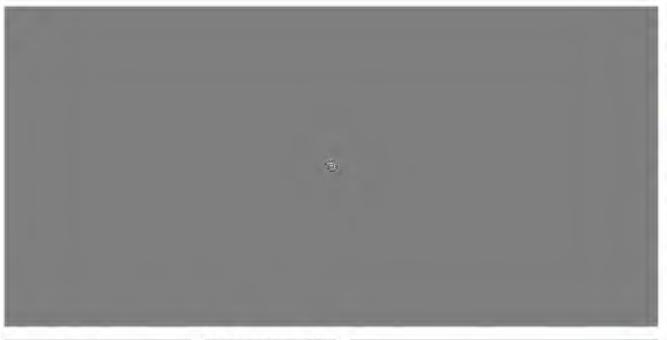


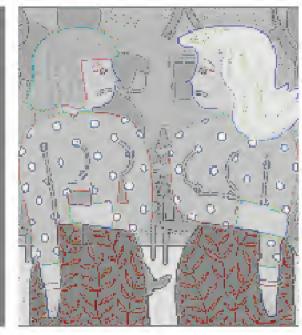
The girl at the desk in the Kenworthy said: "This man called you three times, Lieutenant, but he wouldn't give a number Helga Greene. A

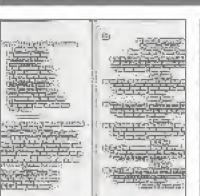








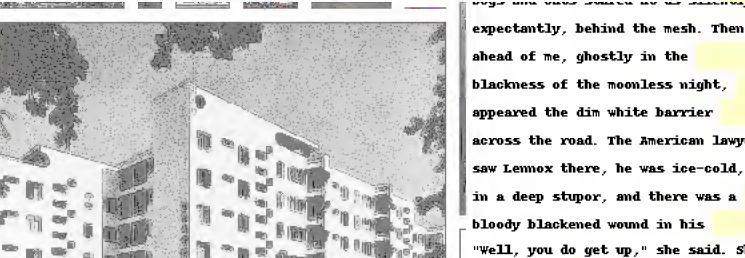




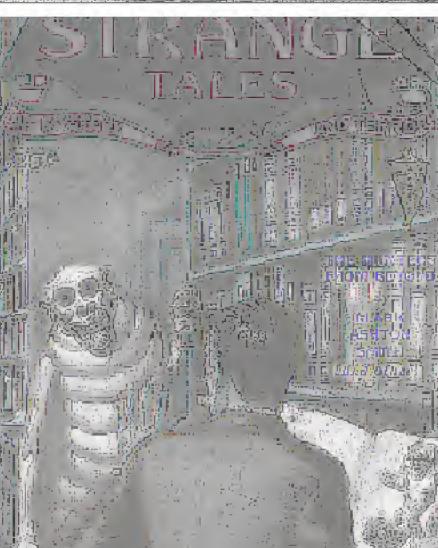
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private detective, and I came here to ask your wife about an entirely unrelated matter. "

Carol Donovan pushed Mrs. Beifus got out a pack of cigarettes and shook one loose and held the pack out to French. "I'm







ahead of me, ghostly in the blackness of the moonless night, appeared the dim white barrier across the road. The American lawy saw Lennox there, he was ice-cold, in a deep stupor, and there was a bloody blackened wound in his



åIs he sick? I could go up to the house,â I said impatiently. " He touched my card with a shiny little finger. He frowned at the telephon then frowned at me. French walked over slowly and stood in front of



"And why should I see any policemen?" he almost snarled. I shook it. " He turned back to his daughter. " Mallory smiled with his eyes, without moving his lips. He went quietly out of the door and shut it. He didn'at even tw away. But you canât always judge, I know. In a little while Peters called me back and said it was all right with Carno provided the name of their agency was not connected with my problems. You can't order a cup of coffee without shutting your eyes and stabbing the menu. But you haven't been up there. âLady, one of us has this book open at the wrong page, I grunted. åI donåt know anybody named Stan or Joseph Coates. å åWellånot quite everything. "You better come on home. "You must be Larry Victor. " â0n what charge?â I asked him

åItås not that. The drunk sat up on the floor and blinked, tried to get his feet under him, and gave it up. There was nothing else. He had died in a fraction of a second. The convertible swooped off down the block and danced around the corner. I tried the house door. Two rows of hard empty chairs stared at each other across a strip of tam fiber carpet.





man sat on a bed with a Luger besid his left hand. The water taxi, an old launch painted up and glassed in for three-quarters of its length, slid through the anchor yachts and around the wide pile of stone which was th end of the breakwater. On the right the great fa solid Pacific trudging into shor like a scrubwoman going home. His white handkerchies was folded square and the end of a pair of sunglasses showed behind it.

"Private," I said. "Don't let it bother you. It's all marked, and I wouldn't want to have to accuse you of stealing it

And inside it who cares, but donât let them scream too loud. â





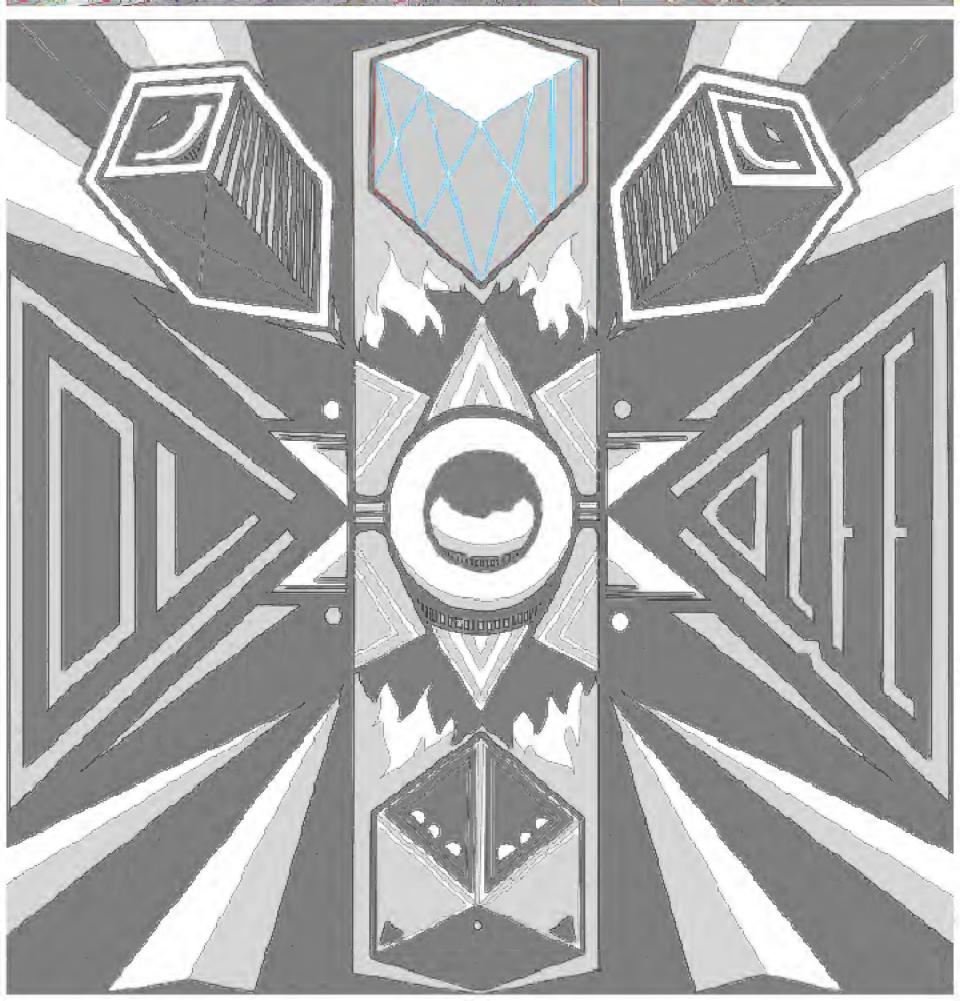


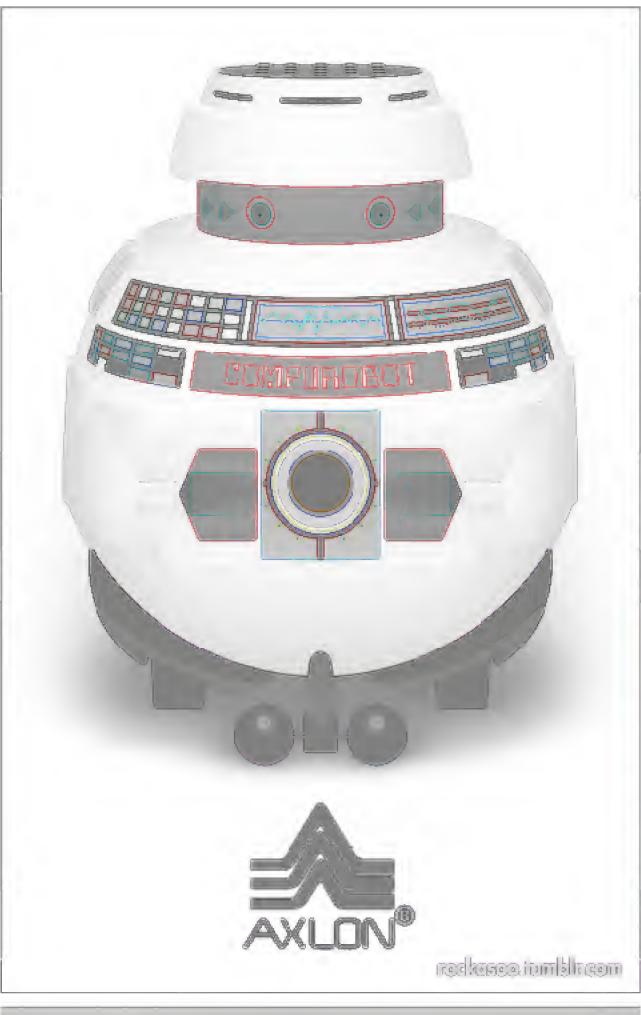
It was a thick, heavy, clogged

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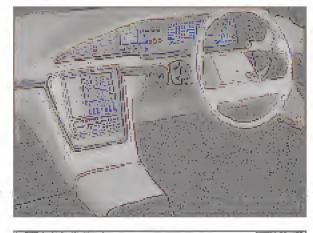


mouthpieces. The music stopped and a man began to rattle off a commercial in Spanish. I plowed down the hall and across the living room and opened up. I wonât get my post mortem report before that anyway. Then I changed my clothes and put on the only lounge suit I had with me, tucked the rest of my stuff into a suitcase, closed the suitcase, and locked it very softly. "

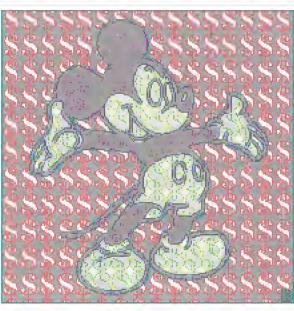




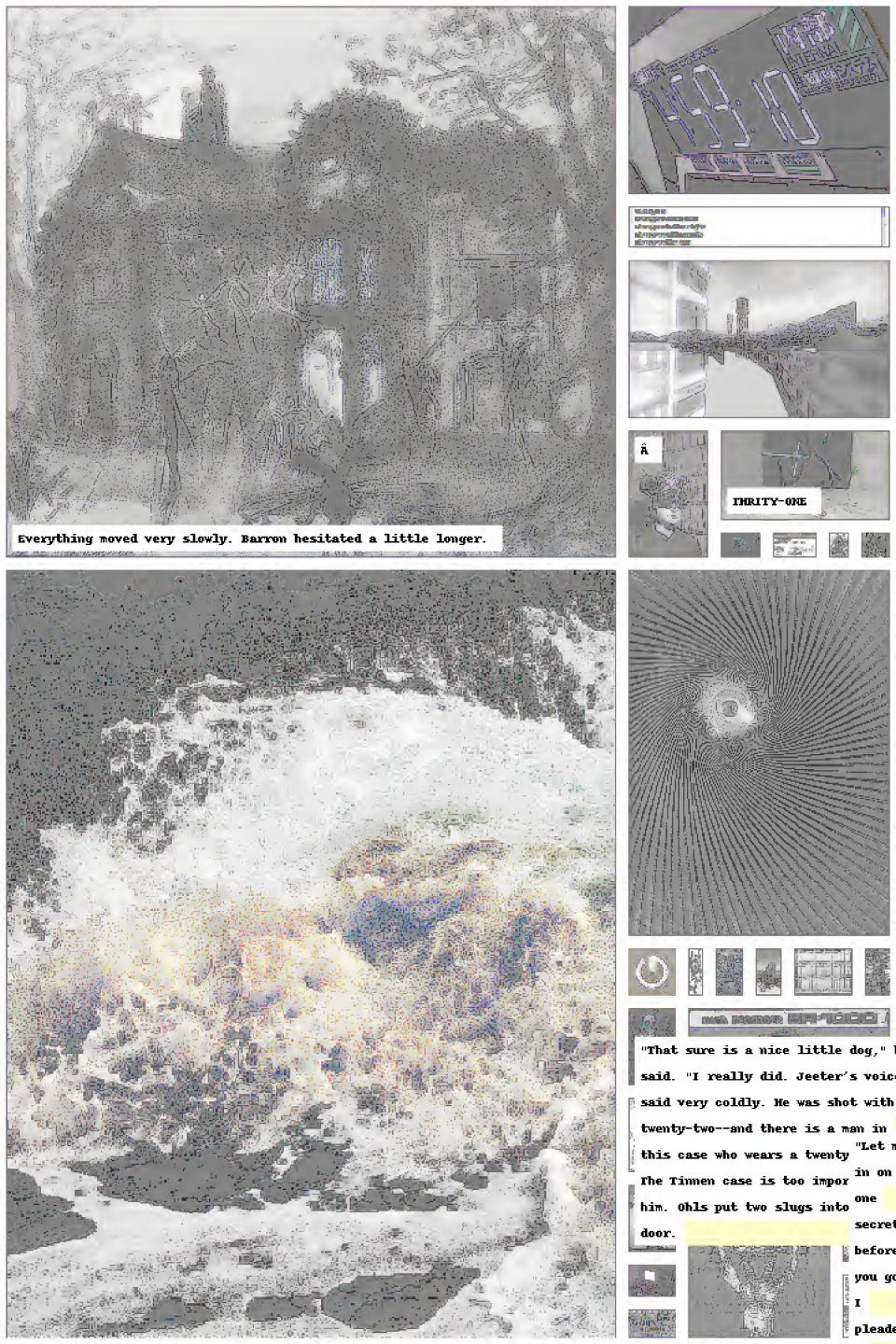


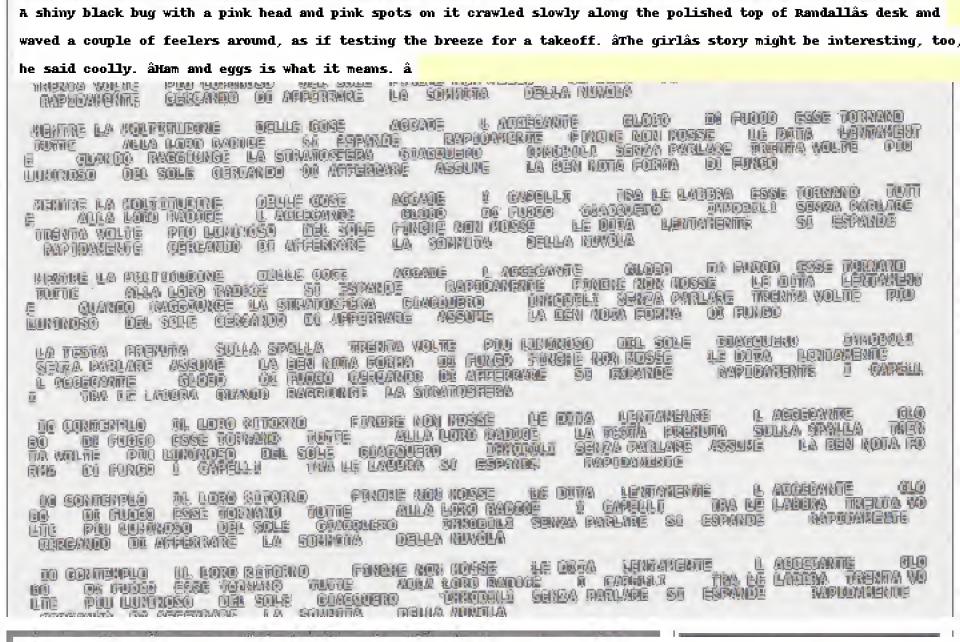


Orfamay Questås twittery little voice said: å0h Mr. A long gray car was slewed across the street in the space between the two houses. in search of some validation for what I was alread at the midst of dains where tasted at rolled up to a sitting position and stood up. I wondered who the girl in the print coat was, why Waldo had let the engine of his car running outsid why he was in a hurry, whether the drunk had been waiting for him or just happened to be there. . . "



Languidly, at the edge of the underwater flooring, something that looked vaguely like a human arm and hand in a dark sleeve waved out from under the submerged boarding, hesitated, waved back out of sight. had a couple of short drinks and stuffed a pipe and sat down to interview my brains. But she had committed murder in Japan, and I wondered how Iåd feel for the rest o my life if I told Tono Kuruma, No, a just walked away when we docked. And thereas always a chance of a big cas There were a million flowers. It was gum I had heard described, a gum tha belonged to a man named Hench, in an apartment across the hall from





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Ybarra filed at his nails and held one up against the lamp. âWait outside to take him back. Wait a minute. Are you;



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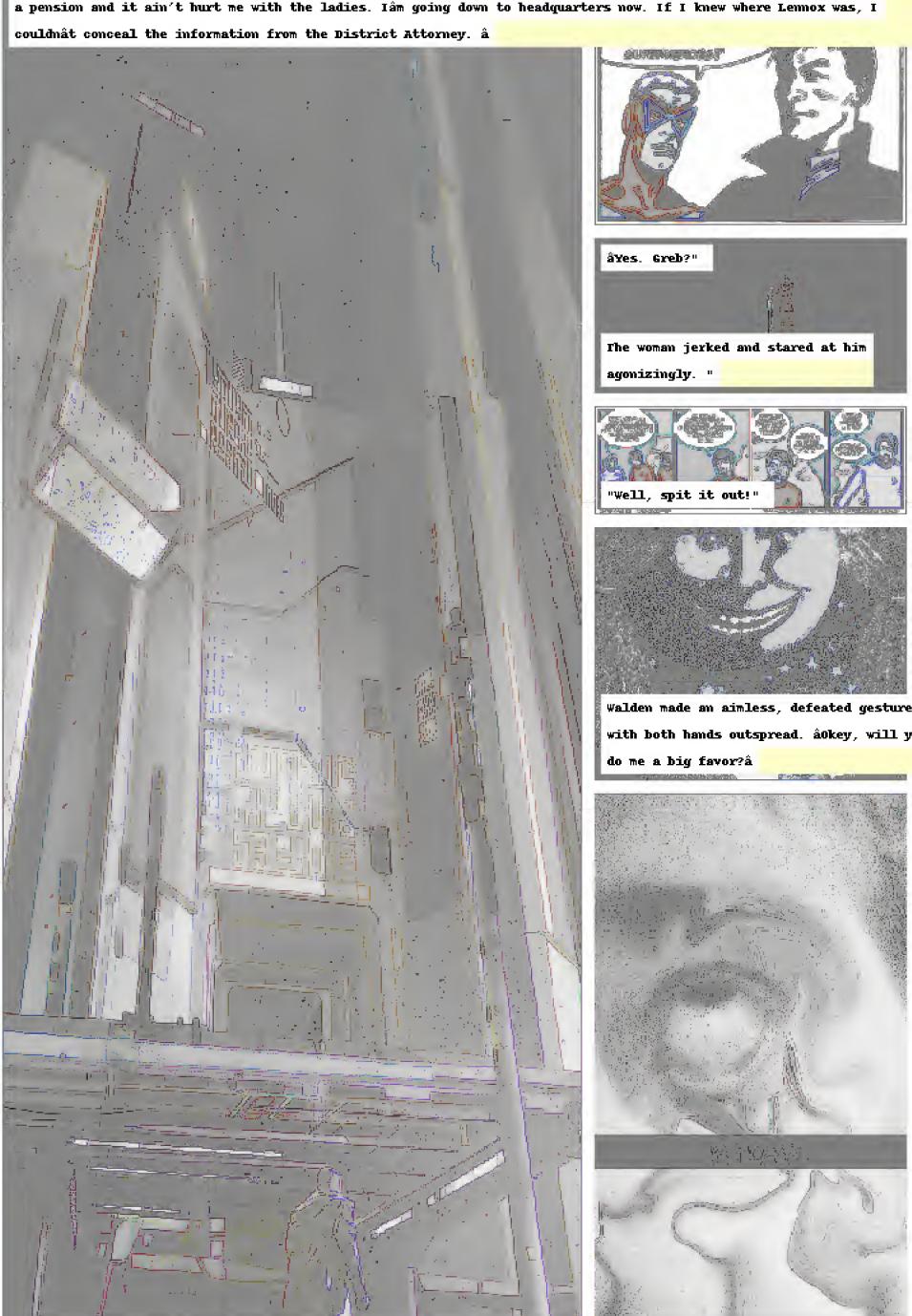
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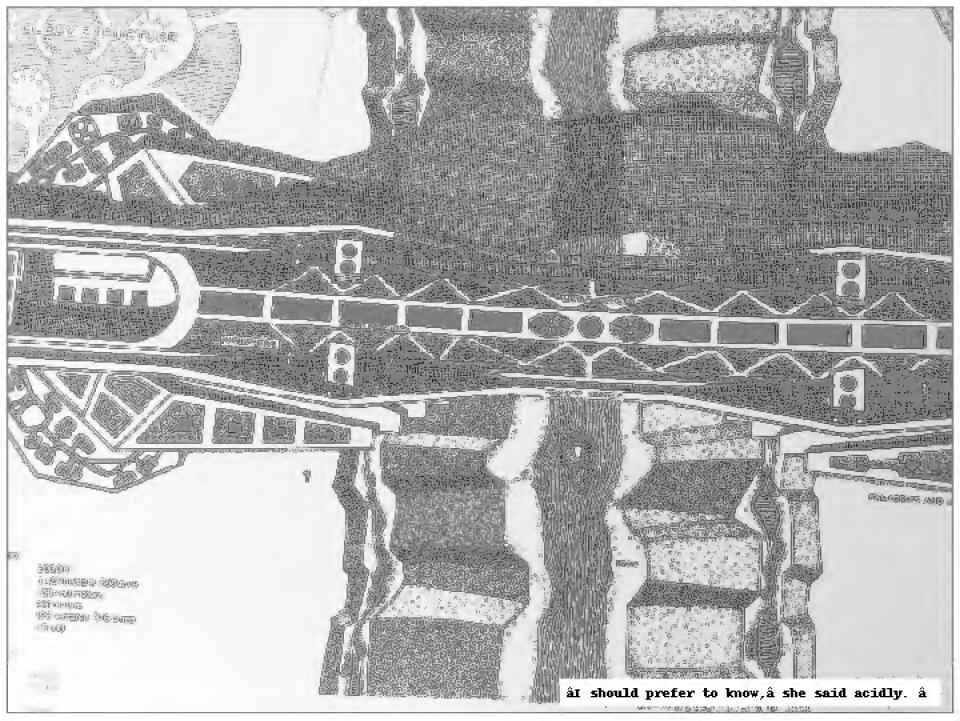
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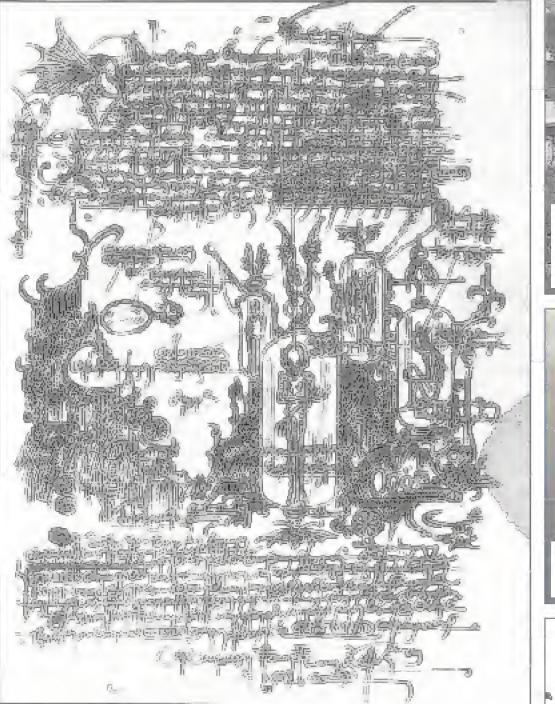
I said. Lester B. Ear, Nose, and Throat, Stockwell Building, on Hollywood Boulevard. This oneas a dilly. The rails were rusted in a forest of weeds, came down the oth side on to a dirt road, and starte back towards Carolina. Waltz opene his office door, snapped the light on, went across to his desk and sa down. He dropped the Savage into h left-hand pocket, Rufe's gum into the right. But he is not to do any other positive thing, not read, write letters, glance at magazines or write checks. I am one of those who do not believe in personal immortality, since I see no reason

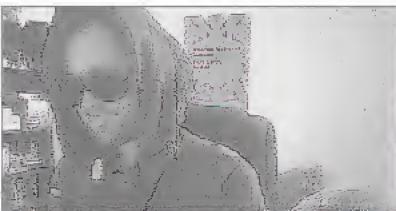
for it.

Aage smiled, blew a smoke ring, watched it float off and come apart in frail wisps. "Old Peg-leg Haines. Well, it got a pension and it ain't hurt me with the ladies. Iâm going down to headquarters now. If I knew where Lennox was, I

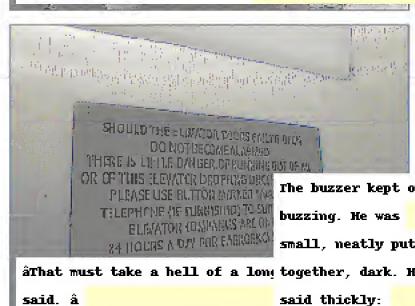






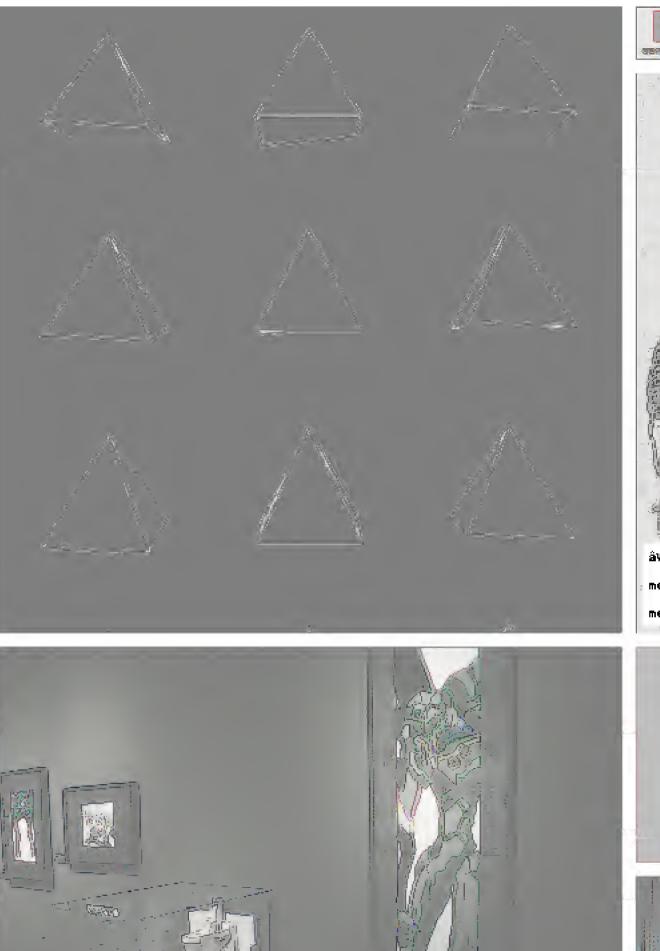


We went back into the living room. åLike that fat slob they have for chief of police nowadays. Kis nails were bright but short.

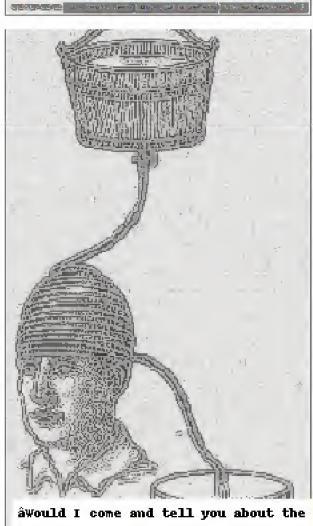


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åGlad to Fony laughed politely, his one and : face still like dough. å heås working forÅ. Somebody moved

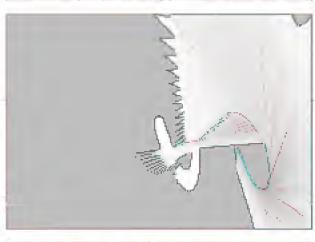


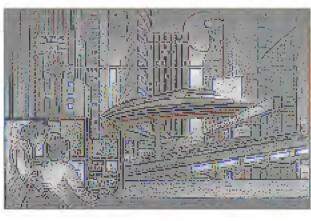




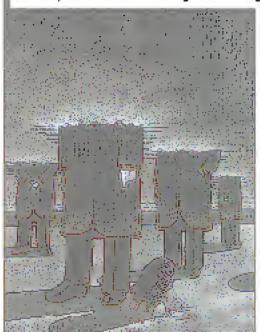
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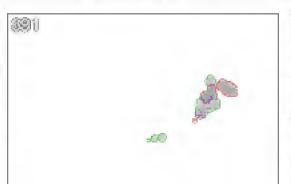




âYeah,â he said softly. Then my hand jumped for the gum and the gum was there. They happened to be Galbraith and Mr.



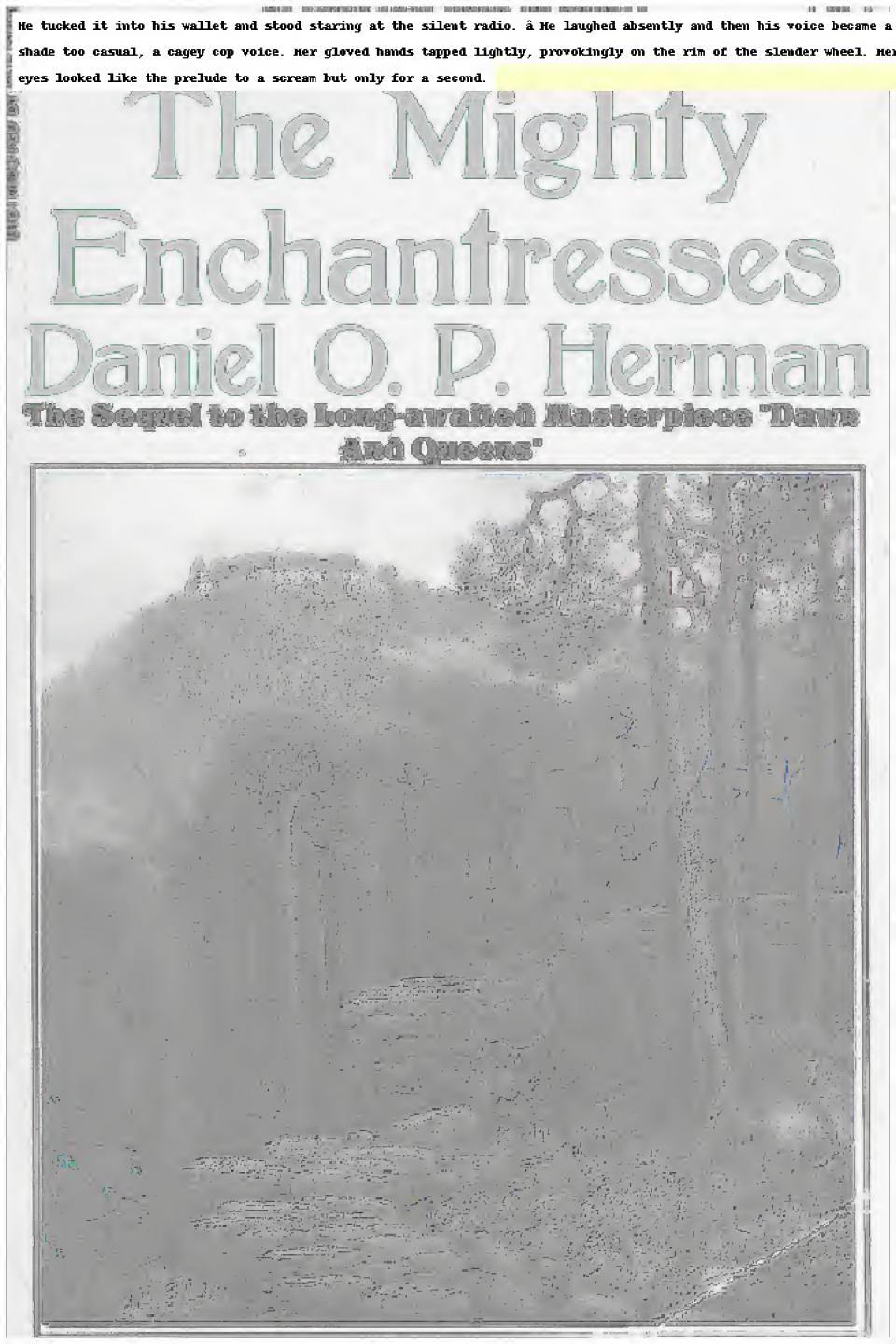


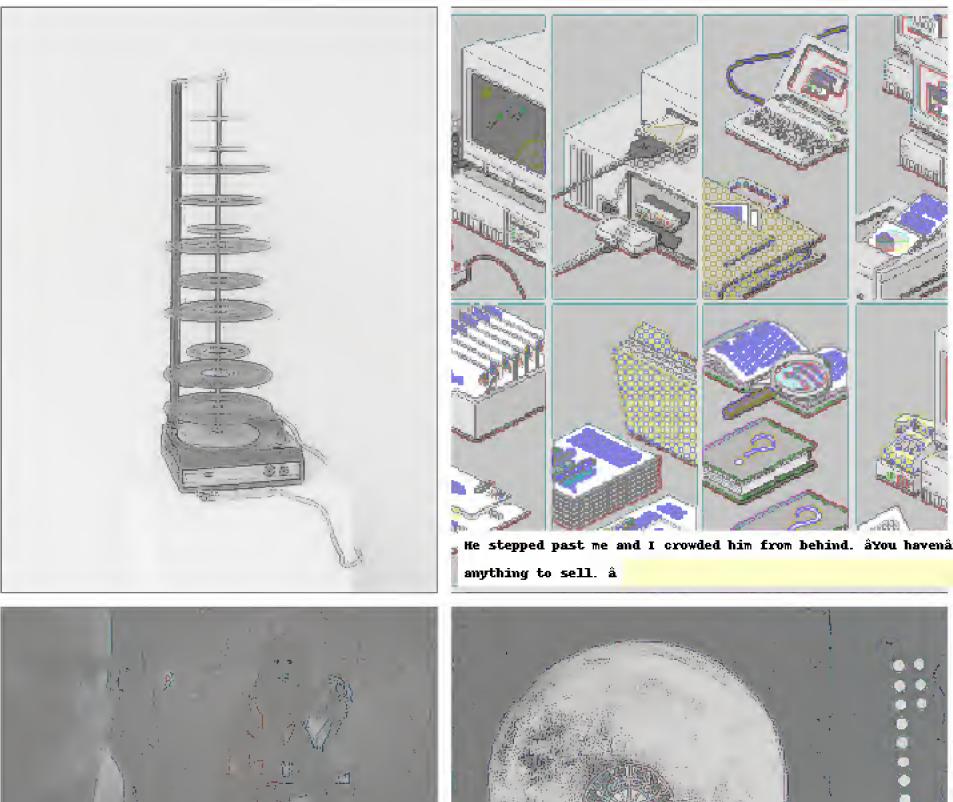


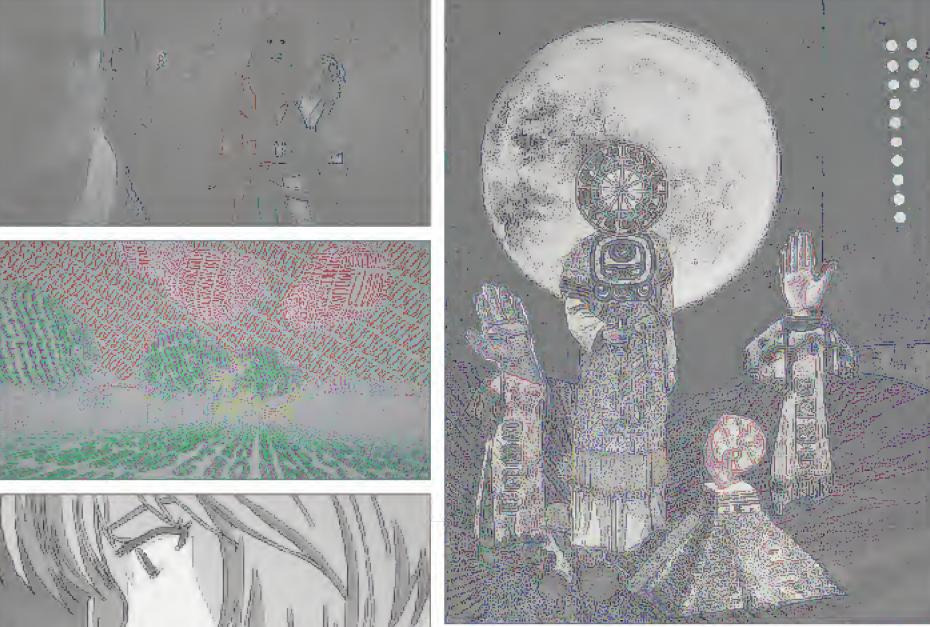




I looked at the watch again. If the D. Lavery is the key to the whole thing. I $_{
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m o}$ Ohls said expressionlessly: åYou th wouldâif you knew damn well somebody else had already told it for you. He crossed to that and opened it. It hur







The blo åAt the moment a thousand åYeah. His eyes were wolfish, black-rimmed. His whole face got mean. åGet it for you tanks was hit. The fish sw baby? I use money in my business, too. å

something written on the back.

He backed away till he stood under a small palm tree by the entrance to the driveway. There was





Barron said: "You don't leave your car in the garage when you come callin' up here. "The name was--"









He licked his very full and very red lips. "Not liking, no," he said sharply. " card. The air reeked of whiskey. Why should it be? You only do that at night, when you're the nervous type. And if I were to get into any legal problems, that would mean a scandal, an Hollywood doesnât need another scandal. " carrying a little money in cash. I was sure Evelym Merrill was in

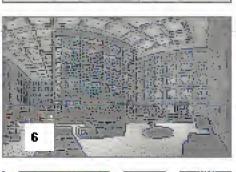
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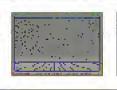


There were nice lamps, nice chairs with deep sides, nice tables, a thick apricot-colored rug, two sma cozy davemports, one facing and one right-angled to a fireplace with an ivory mant and a miniature Winged Victo on that.



It was a half-store frontage the other half being occupie by a credit jeweler. â





"There," Mr. Sutton-Cornis

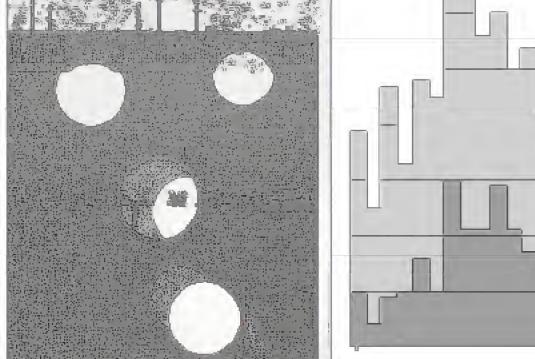


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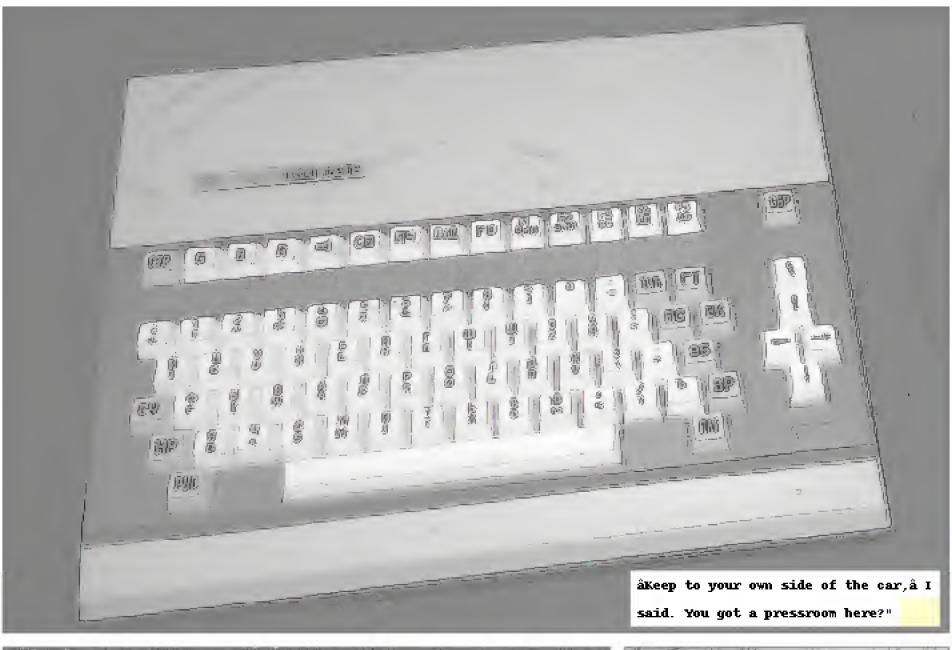
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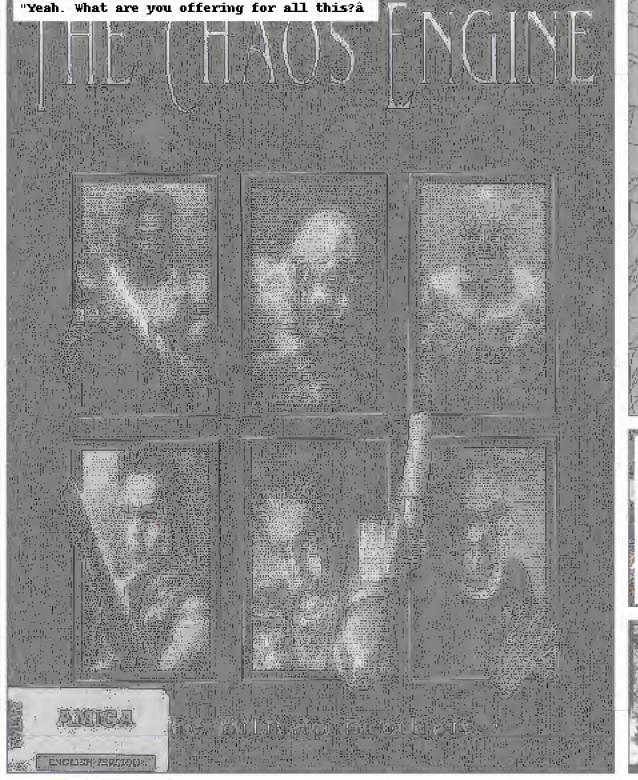


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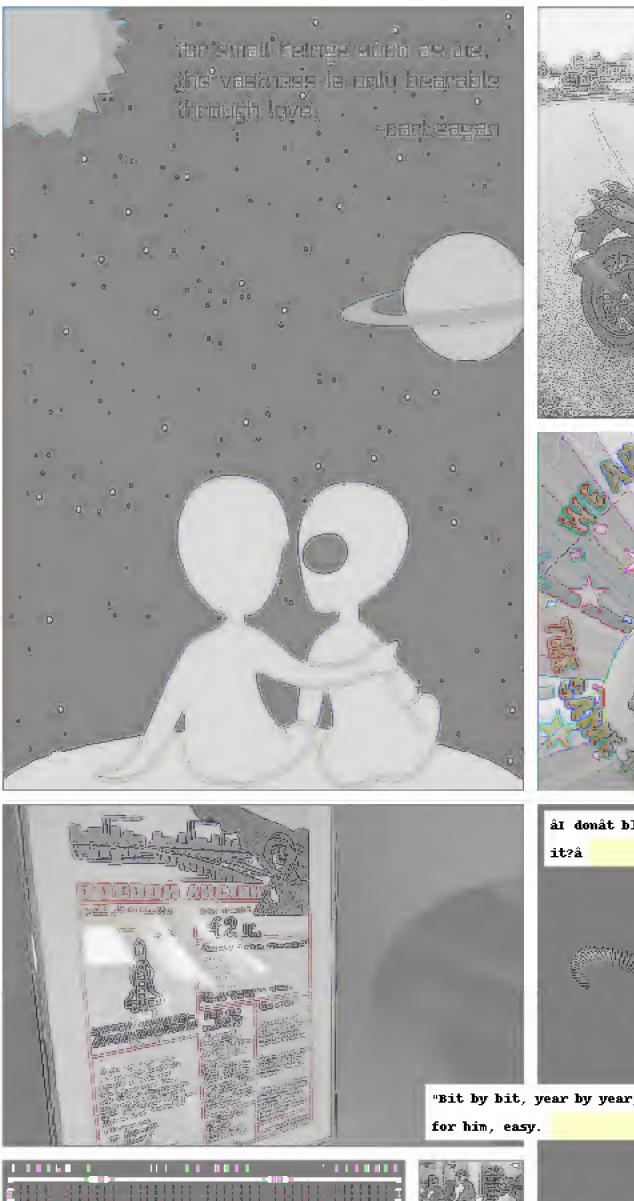




"Unless you have the key to these bracelets you might spare me a little of that drink. E. W. Hambleton and had the cards printed with an El Centro address and a phone number. I eased him over and got into his trouser pockets."

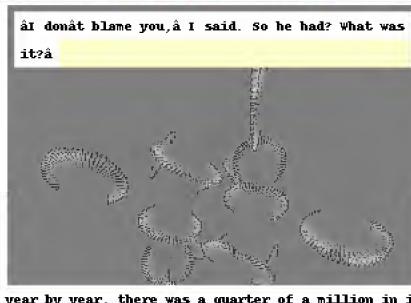


al hadnat really got around to thinking about it. They'll think of that, won't they? And you might be smart

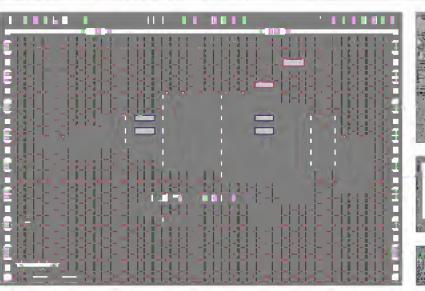








"Bit by bit, year by year, there was a quarter of a million in it for him, easy.









"Would a aThatas what the two hundred bucks pays for. a He shrugge donat ca He hung up. "

"I said I didna"



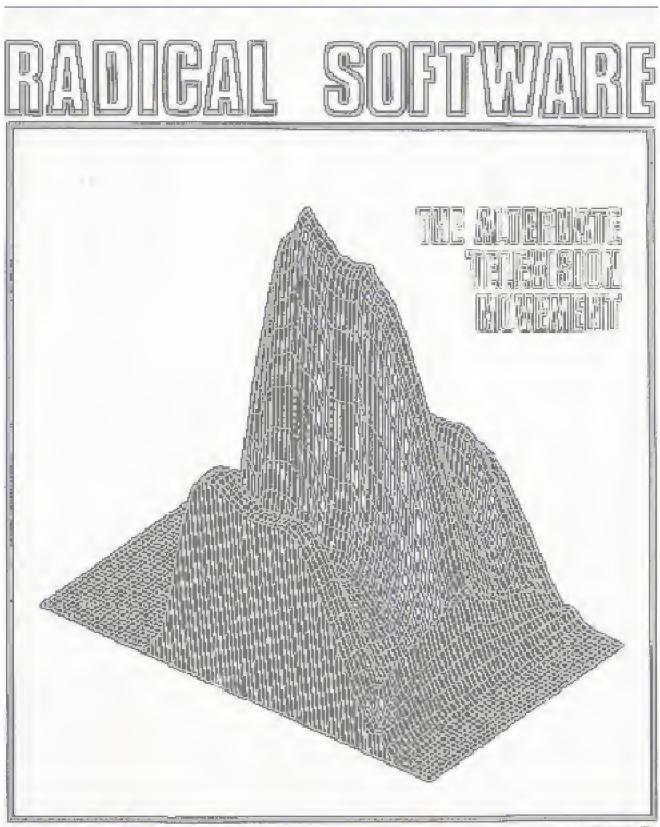


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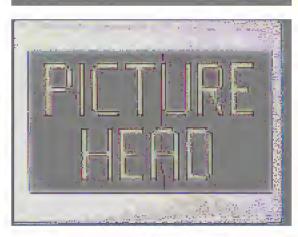
I said: åI know you, Mister Slade. She stood by the window still, the curtain against her cheek, her eye: closed, as if she hadnåt heard the voices at the door at all. She blinked at Dalmas, stood swaying a moment, then slid down into the chair Demny had been sitting in. Ihey were her own eyebrows. Iâve lived with them and they are bored and lonely people. Ten grand to you

Adams sighed, stretched himself, disappeared down the line of file walls. âltâs not too easy,â he said. Give me that card a minute. He would be an expert in frustrated love affairs, women who slept alone and didnât like it, wandering boys and girls who didnât write home, sell the property now or hold it for another year, will this part hurt me with multipublic or make me seem more versatile? Men would sneak in on him too, big strong guys that roared like lions around their offices and were all cold mush under their vests. His mouth became a hard white grimace. He was so big he seemed unreal. His eyes became thoughtful.





The lights blazed on, the motor turned over. They can talk when it suits them. We do give a damn that allow come? a vate eye fingered him Let the law enforcement people do their own dirty work. Even a cop. The door splintered and groaned, coming right off its hinges, like had been hit by a Chevy.

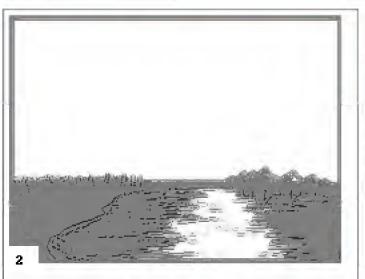


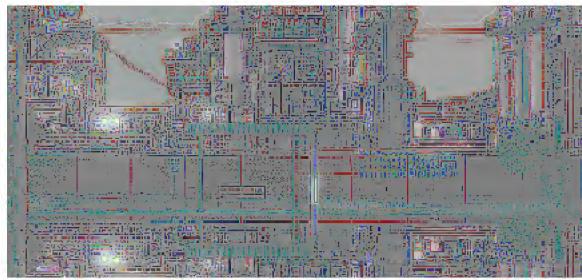
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Attorney, lived at the corner of
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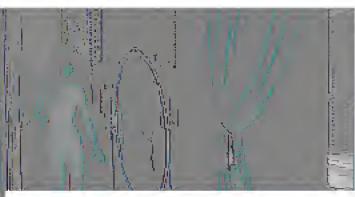
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couldn't even the mushrooms too old too to feel too frozen until we leant hunched on the balcony and there in [that light] of Hackney's sky teetering on our dendrital scaffolding it's not until you fall that you even can see but there were our not futures our deaths maybe and that's what it is knowing to die to-write makes some sense and that to-write is not just to write but to know that wherever you land this will be worked on tomorrow and or the day after or still in ten years and but that nothing will be ever finished that even from our zombie writings memes will grow and we will be in them and that is infinity







Mr. A thin woman in a dirty white smock stood under it, limp arms at her sides.

"Keb, sir?"



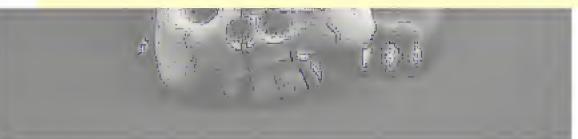
He finished the drink, stripped to the skin, went under a shower. He edged over to the far wall, came along it to the band shell, stood there ranging the house with his eyes until he was looking directly at Pete Anglich. I could still remember the day when my mother told me that Fatty Arbuckle might go to prison. "

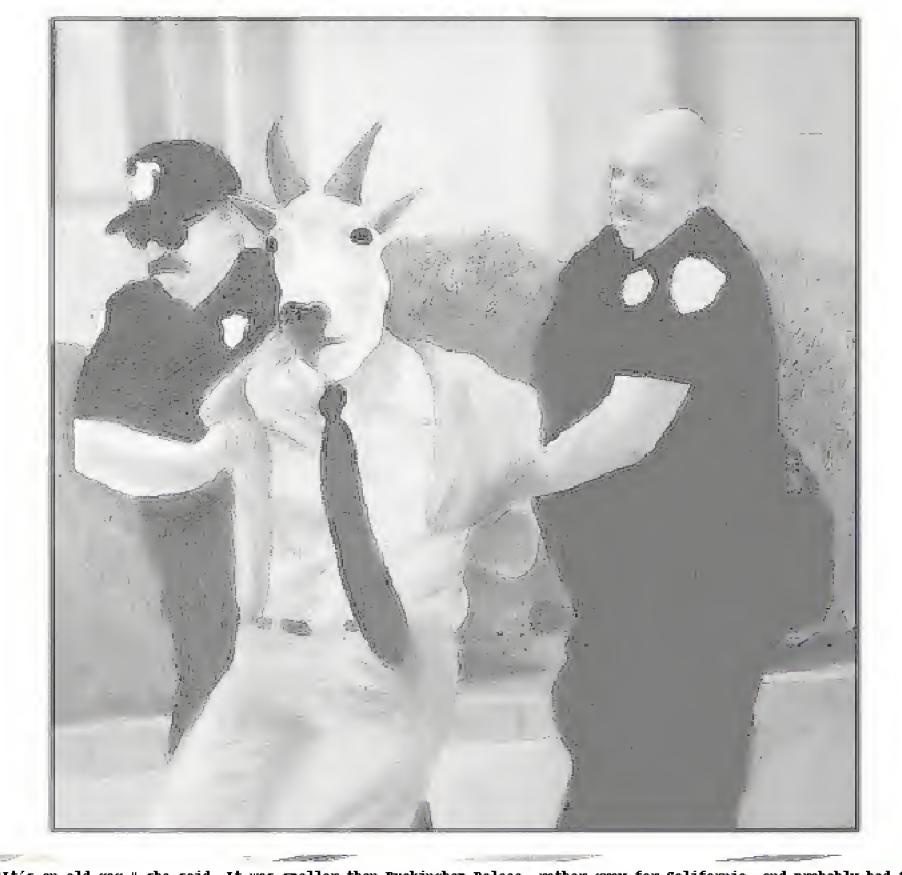
The girl said: "Ah.

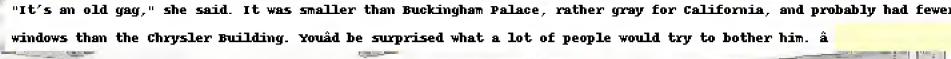


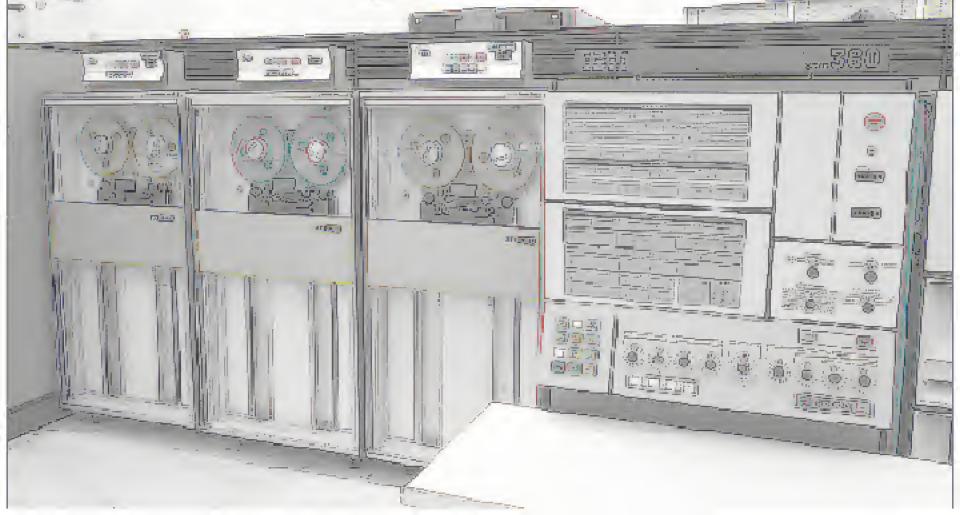




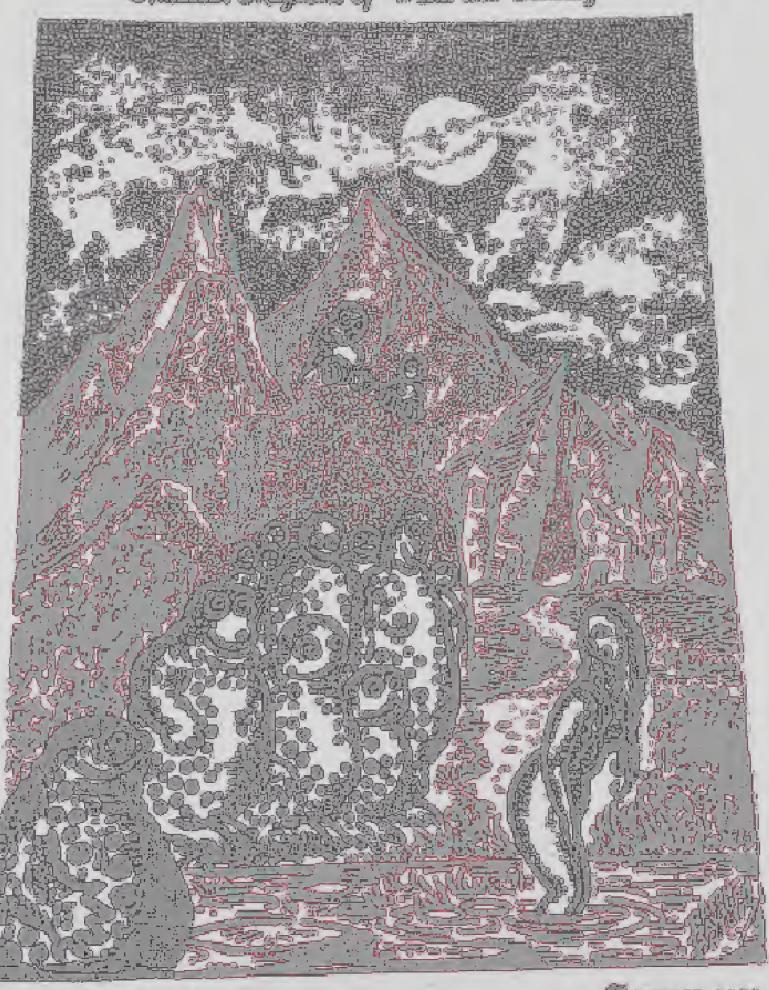








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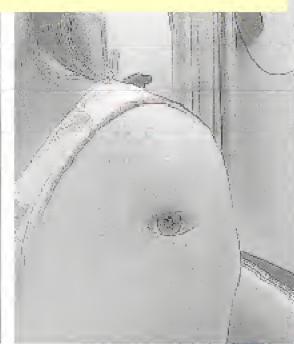
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The old bar waiter came drifting by and glanced softly at my weak Scotch and water. Black Mask, January 1936. Black Mask, July 1934.









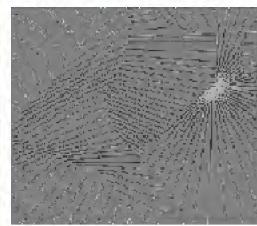




I ram back behind the coupe and got its door oper floor furnace. He worked better in the rain. â write about England until I feel England in my bones. Murdock and make any more trouble for her.

The man turned. You do Sheâs never been able to spare me for long. She needs you. "









He put the phone down on its side, put his hand down on the table and leamed on it. aJust ask at the gate for Eddi Prue. Marlowe?a





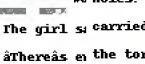




He went up, neither too softly nor too noisily, lifted his hand, sighed deep in his throat, and knocked. "That's better than the dopey talk. Sure. Whatâs in your pants is yours, pal. â





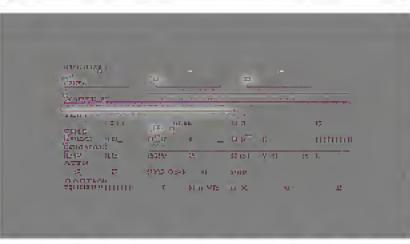


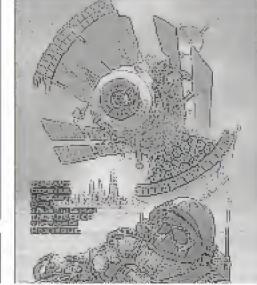
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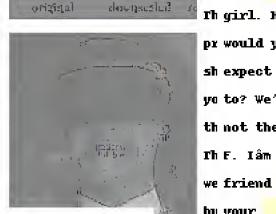
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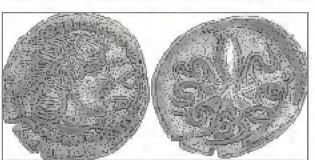


bu your âStrictly speaking, it wouldmât be legal,â French said. fo fatherå ki â

Luders watched me with bland interest. âFunny. Only bite âem on my right hand. Is that why you are making yourself so very useful to the Wadesâa regular motherâs helper who comes on call to nurse him when he is drunk, to find him when l is lost, to bring him home when he is helpless?å



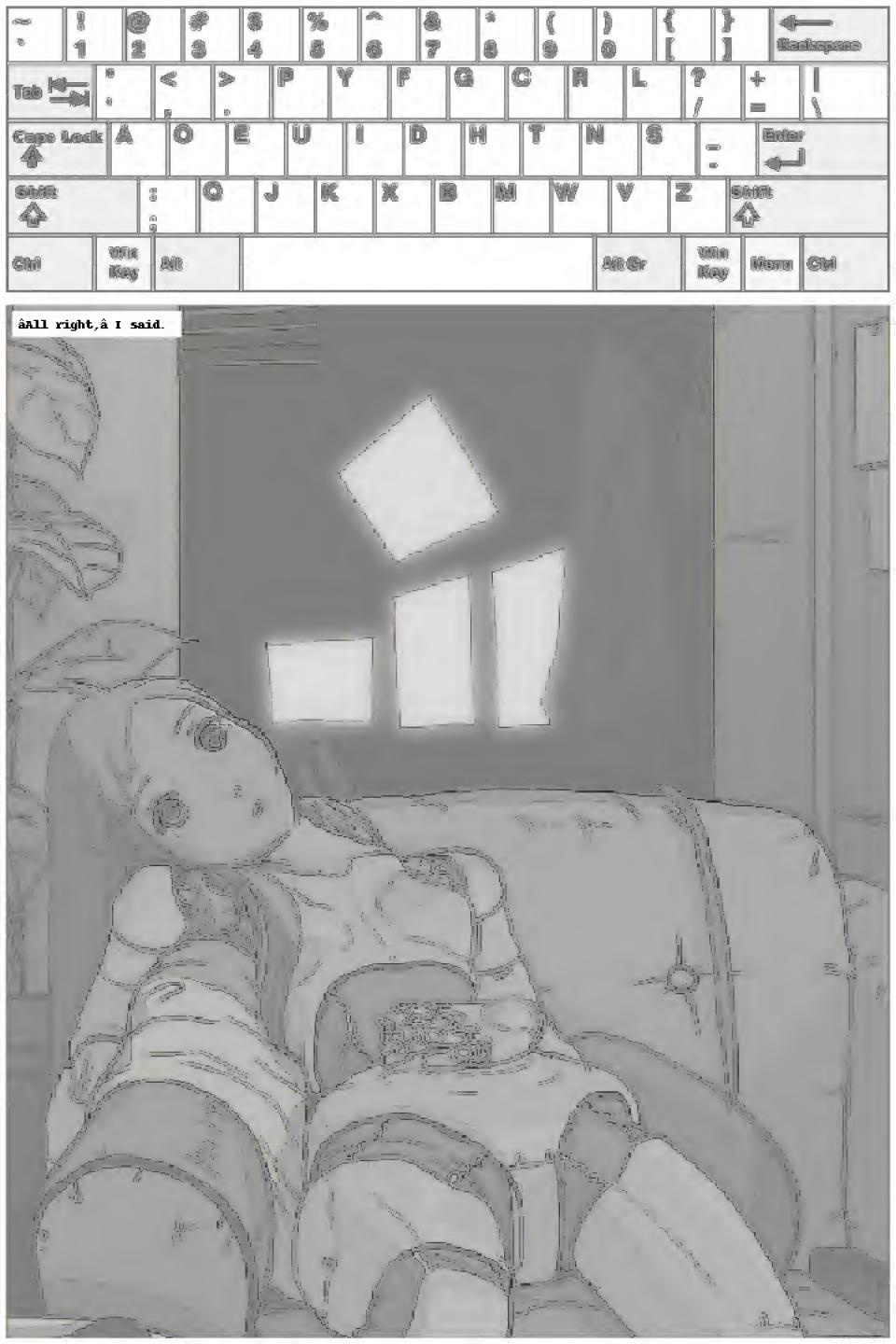
âTheir features were strictly assembly line. âI been talking to the right people about the wrong things,â he said acidly. All those years gone by and all the smart heads that must have worked on the case, postal men and private agencies and all. Why does he do it?å

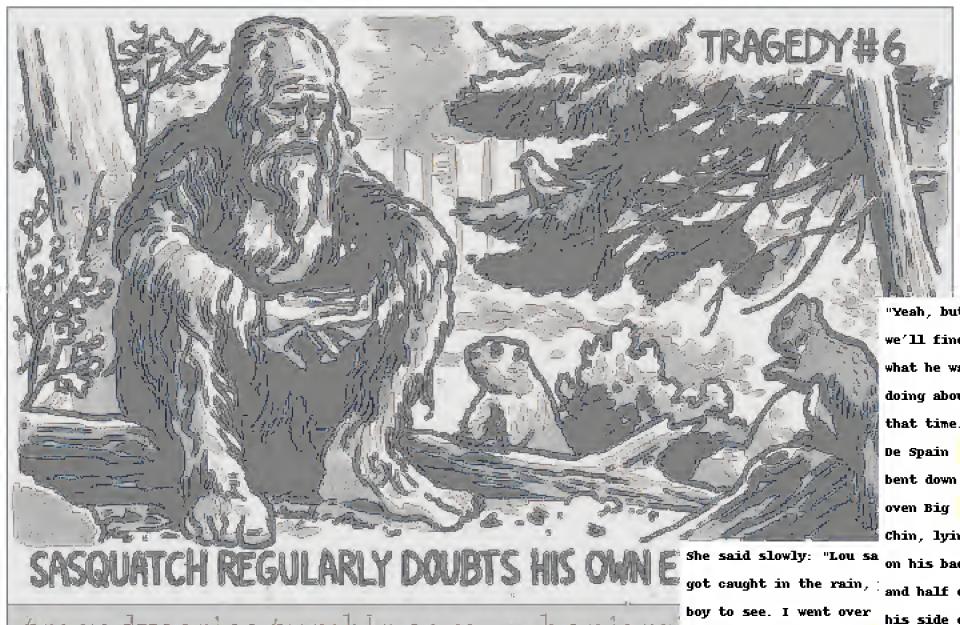




âLet me set you right on a couple of points, Mrs. âTwenty gran Vidaury raised his eyebrows, smiled very faintly. "That

a kick," he growled over his shoulder. You might kill a man accidentally with a blackjack, by not knowing how hard to hit with it. You have marks on you. So you have to go where they cam't follow you. They have the intolerance of the very young and the amaemia of closed rooms and too much midnight smoking. They figured the gang pulled just one job at a time, with coolie labor mostly, and sent them on their way with their cut. According to his desk pad he had a date with Imlay at twelve-fifteen. å He looked questioningly at Dr. Weåre





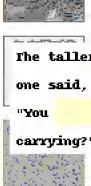
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He walked off with his head thrust forward belligerently. A tall man with rusty hair and very blue, blue ey gum didn't feathers in her hair, enough clothes to hide behind a three-cent stamp, and one of her long, beautiful, nak go off. gilded and the other was silvered.

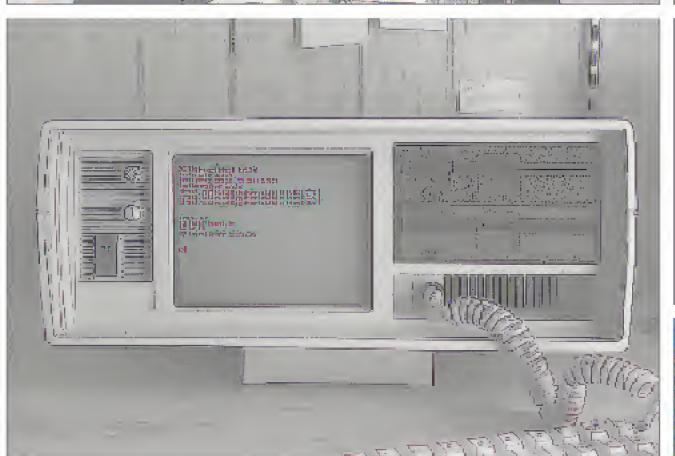






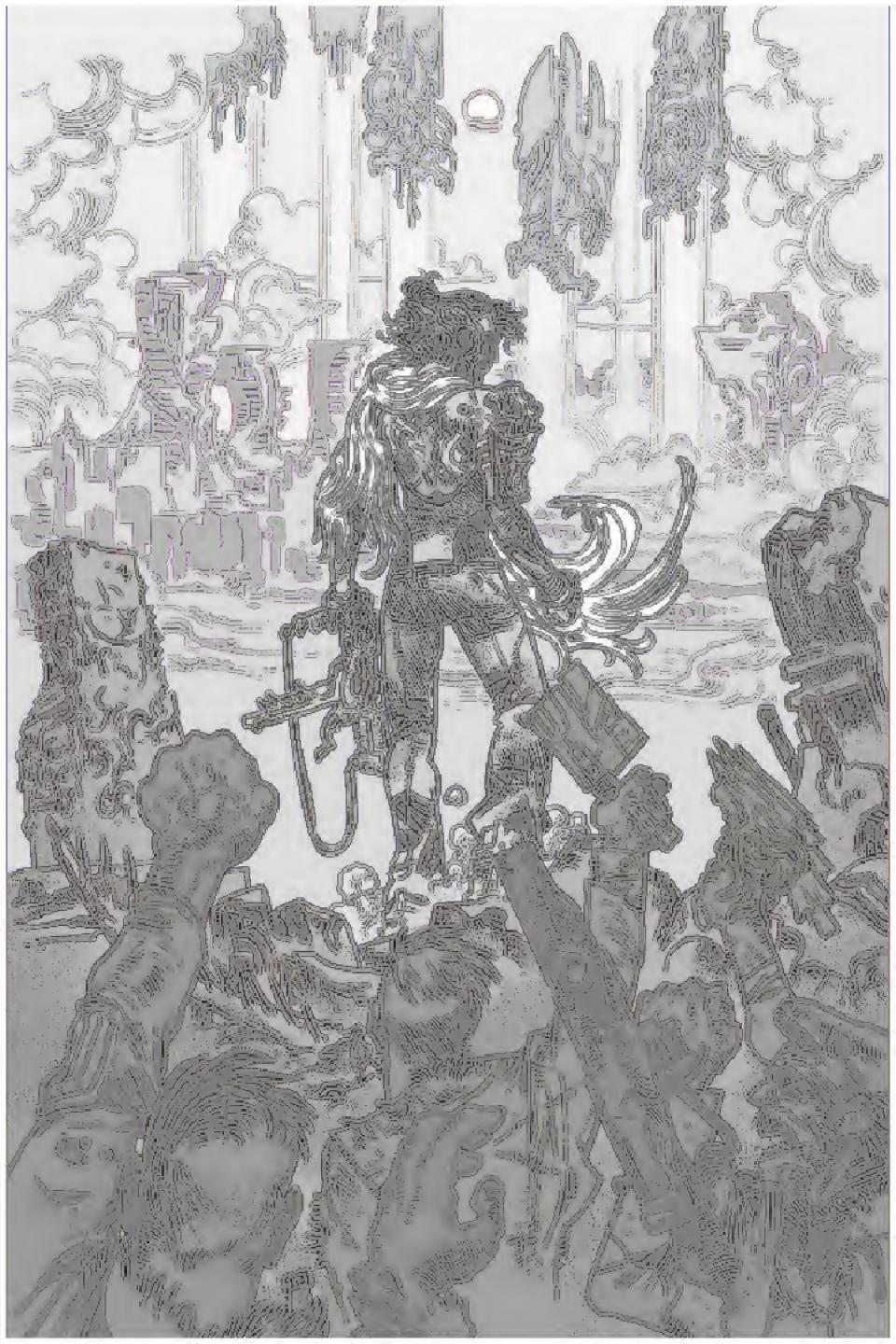
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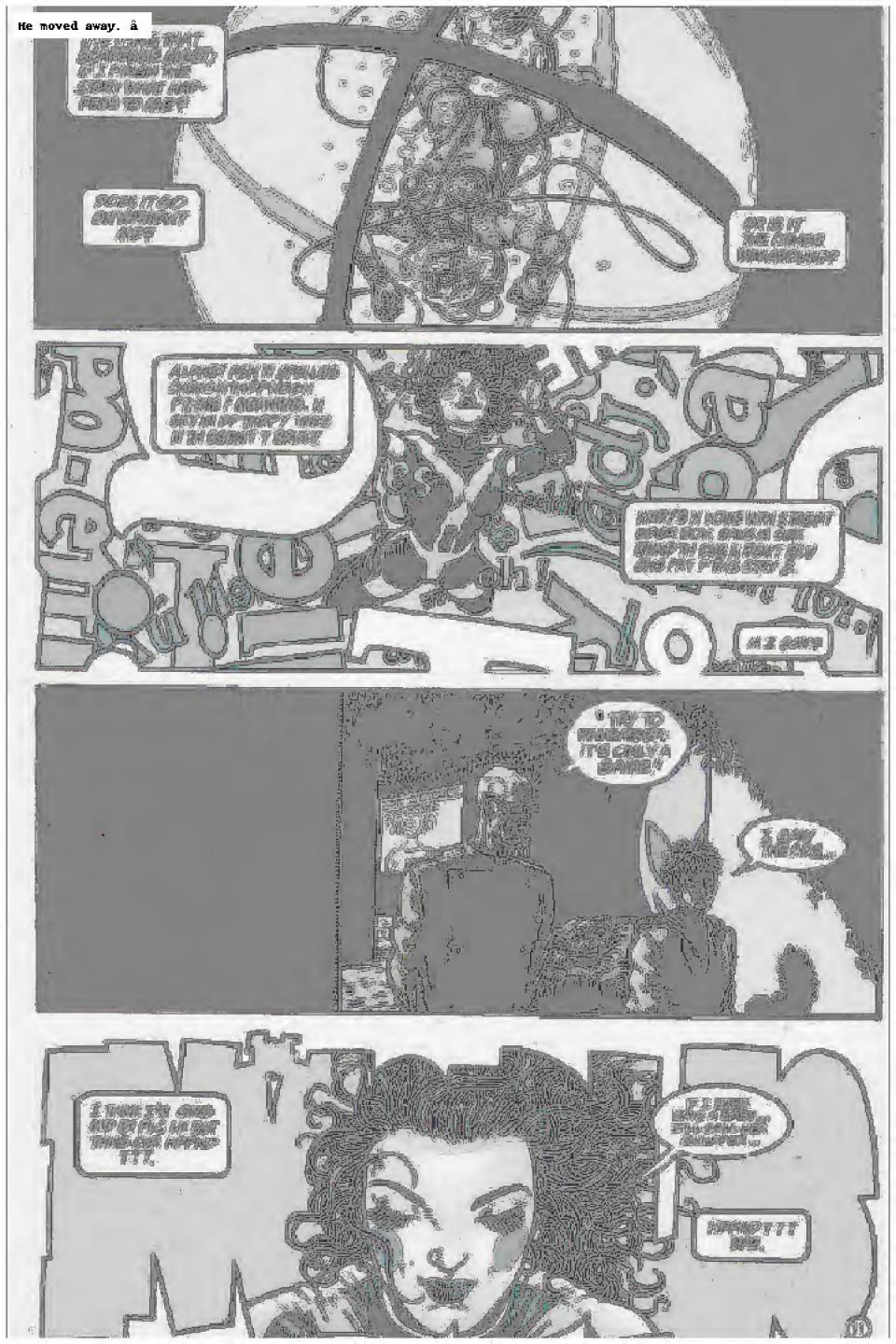
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"I wasn't very bright,
but I didn't figure on
amything so flossy. I'
sorry. I think the gam
was rigged. "

I had my horn-rimmed sunglasses on Ask for Reno. Or ask Ballou. My waiting room is never locked. â









âThey can be deprived of their drug. On even money bets, four times out of five. And he read constantly. They could tell if sl had been shot or stabbed.

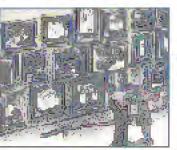


I said: åThe kid hasmåt told us, but he must have done it. Then, a little faintly: åThe police found them? å

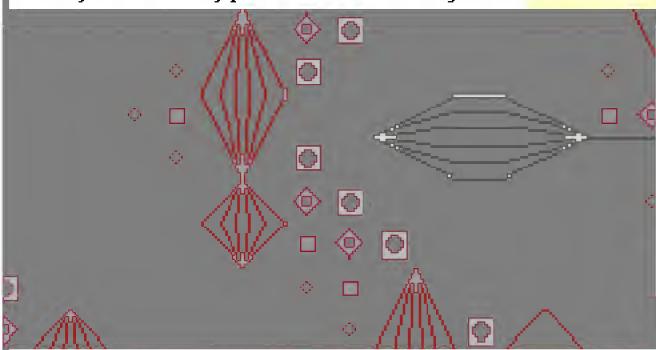


You are safe and more than safe with outspoken people like me.

åNo more, Alton,å she said. His grin was taut, nailed on. But his voice stayed soft. Thatås what I see. å



äHell, I didmät ned a cab at all,ä I said. You Donner swung the blunt revolver until it pointed midway between the sandy-haired man and Sutro. While I was smiling he held his glass out toward Tino without even looking at him and Tino filled it with bourbon. Annoyed, Chandler had move to Houghton Mifflin. To enhance the fresh slate, he was about to take the opportunity to change agents, leaving Sydney Sanders for the New York firm Brandt & Brandt. But we need more than that. I need that money. Obviously you can't expedetective fiction to be anything but sub-literary, to use Edmund Wilson's word, if you insist on weeding out from that field anyone who shows any pretensions to skill or imagination.

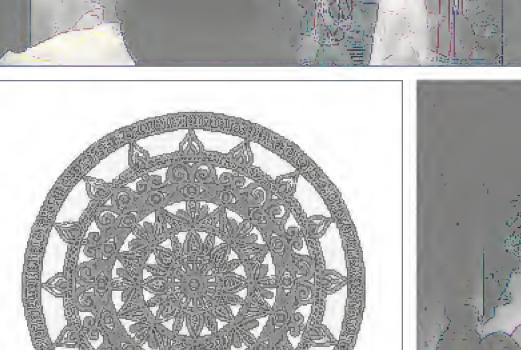


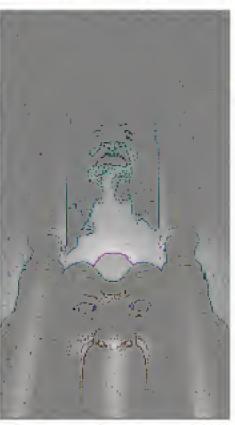


I went back to Kathy Horneâs kitchen and found a pint of Brooklyn Scotch in the cooler. 'When I say he won't tell us anything, Mr. Vidaury, I mean anything that counts. He says his name is Pete Anglich, that he used to be a fighter, bu hasnât fought for several years. â



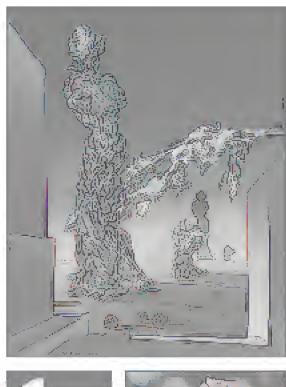
I turned away from it after quite :
long time. Got it?. I clicked the
big flash on and held it on the
projecting cigarette and on his big
fingers as they came forward to tal
it.











I made a show of patting my pocket She clawed it out of his hand and said bitterly: \hat{s} I left him then an got no sense. Vp went down to the

and the teller,

When I finished exploring my

tolerance for pain, I noticed that

Charlie was clutching a piece of

after looking at m suspiciously, them absenting himself from his cage for long time, finally counted out the

bank with the chec

money in hundred-dollar bil

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paper in one wooden hand. Not ever The head was a foot too low over t åHelloå¦ yes: and leather : steering wheel. What a man does to chafed his f L live is all. If he's happy. His

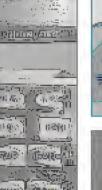
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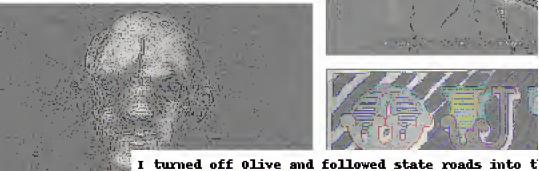
palm out fla as if it had grown there. They wer sent it sail just eyes, and very wide open and paper ball. ; quite dead.

room to room, the place was a shambles and the rich guy eventually got the low score. The old man looked it over, nodded, suddenly yanked the long hair out of his nose and held it up agains the light.







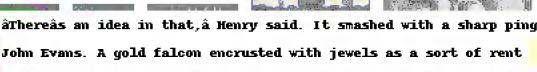


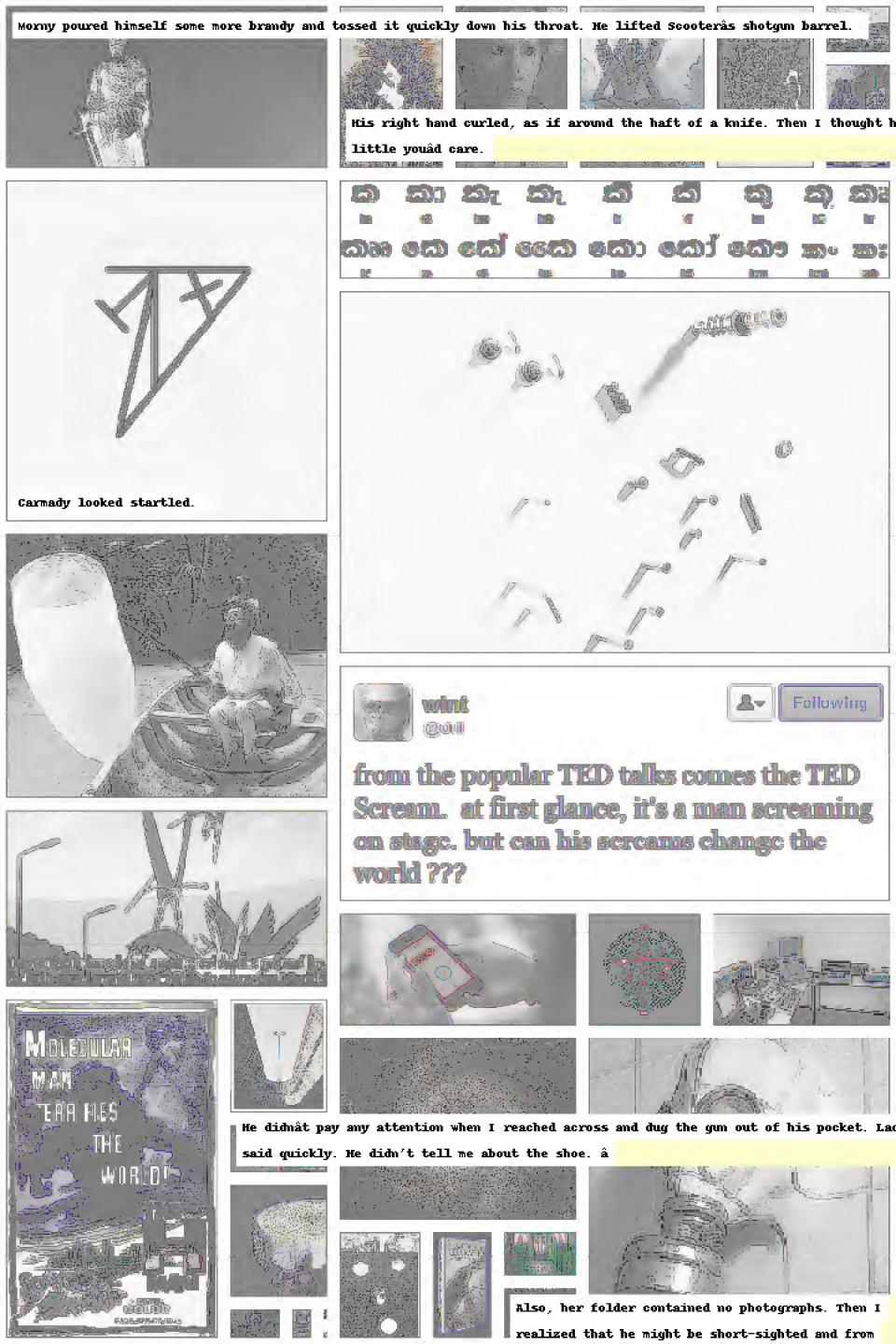


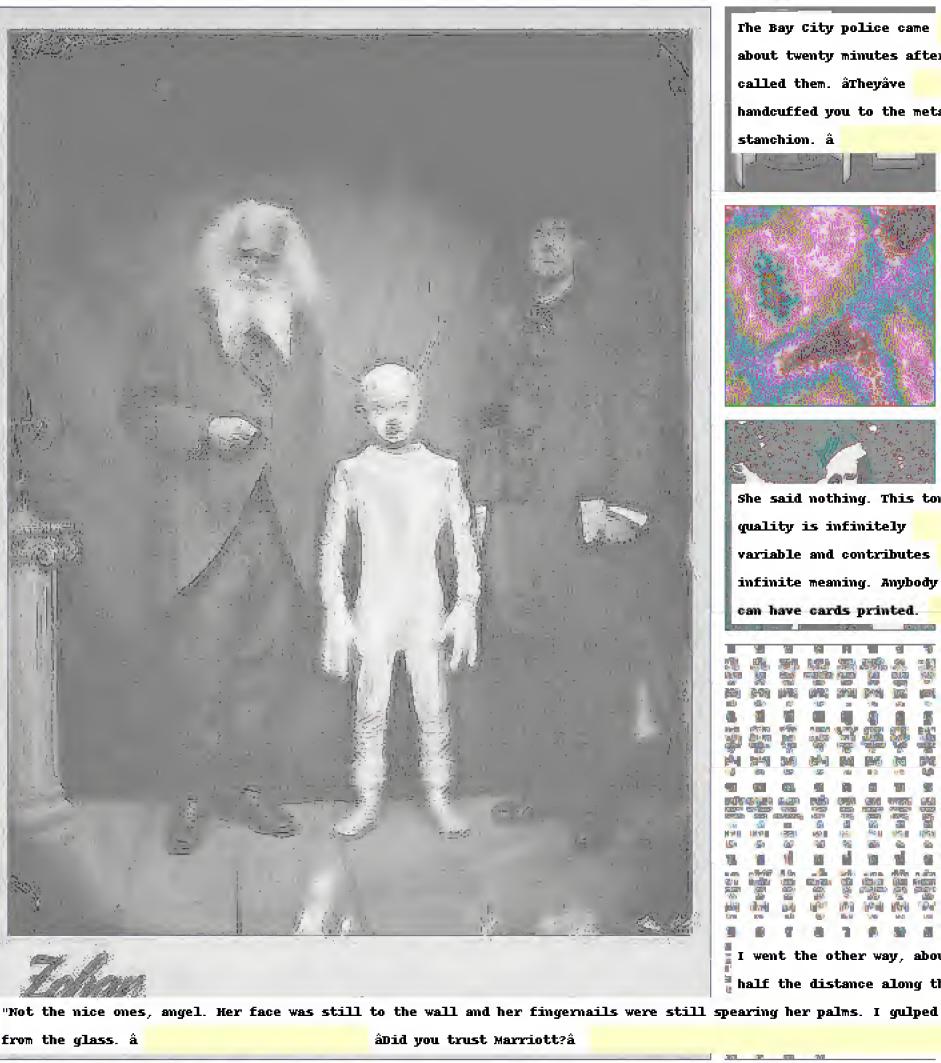








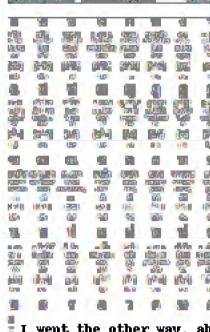




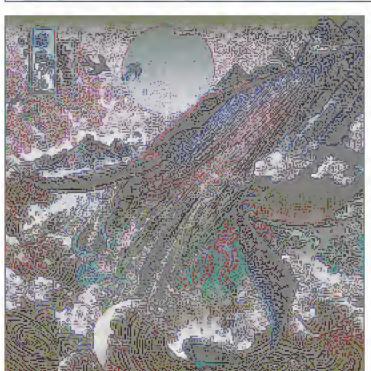
The Bay City police came about twenty minutes after called them. âTheyâve handcuffed you to the meta stanchion. å

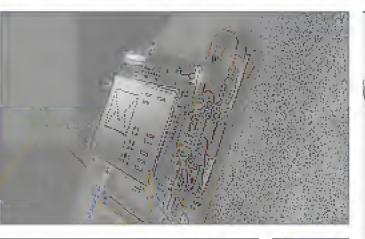


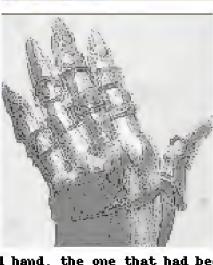
She said nothing. This to quality is infinitely variable and contributes infinite meaning. Anybody can have cards printed.



I went the other way, abou half the distance along th







Her face got a little hard. Her outstretched hand, the one that had bee on his arm, spread its fingers stiffly, bent back from the palm, straining back.



Ybarra turned his head slowly and looked at him. That was foolish, but it saved a lot of finagling, if he was willing



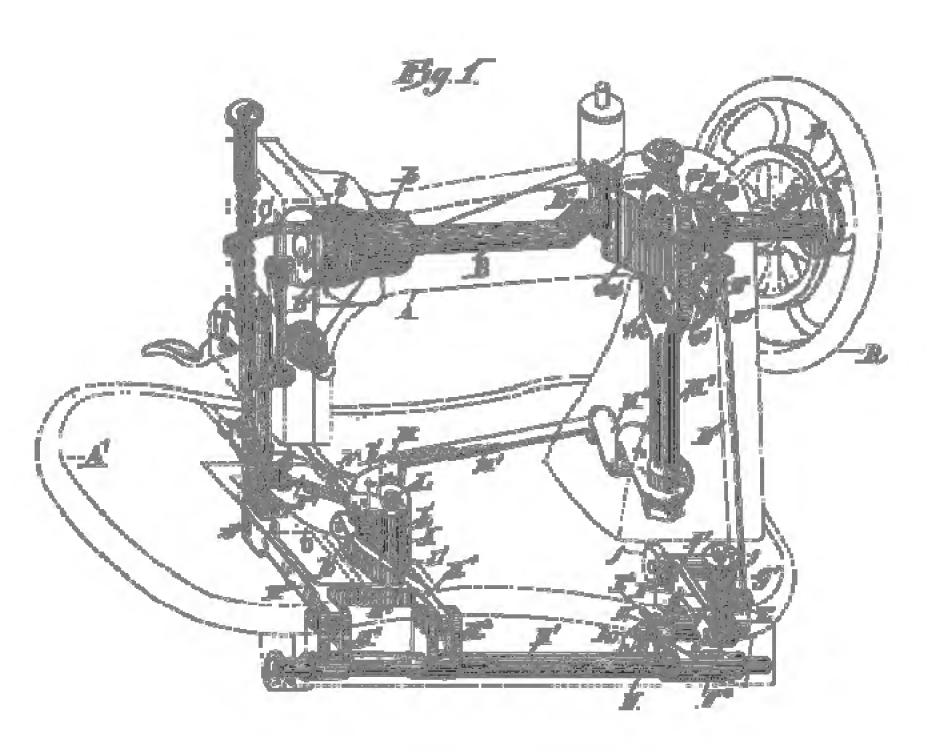
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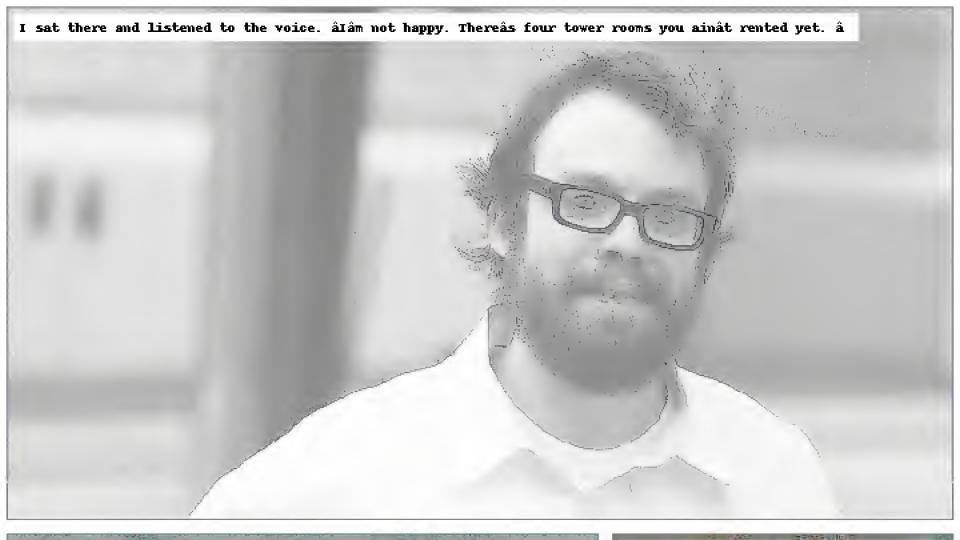
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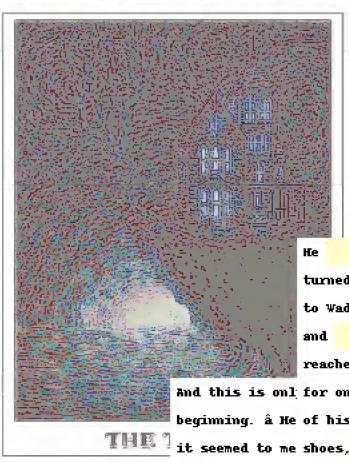
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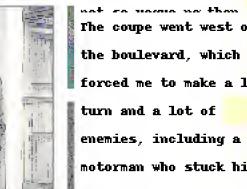
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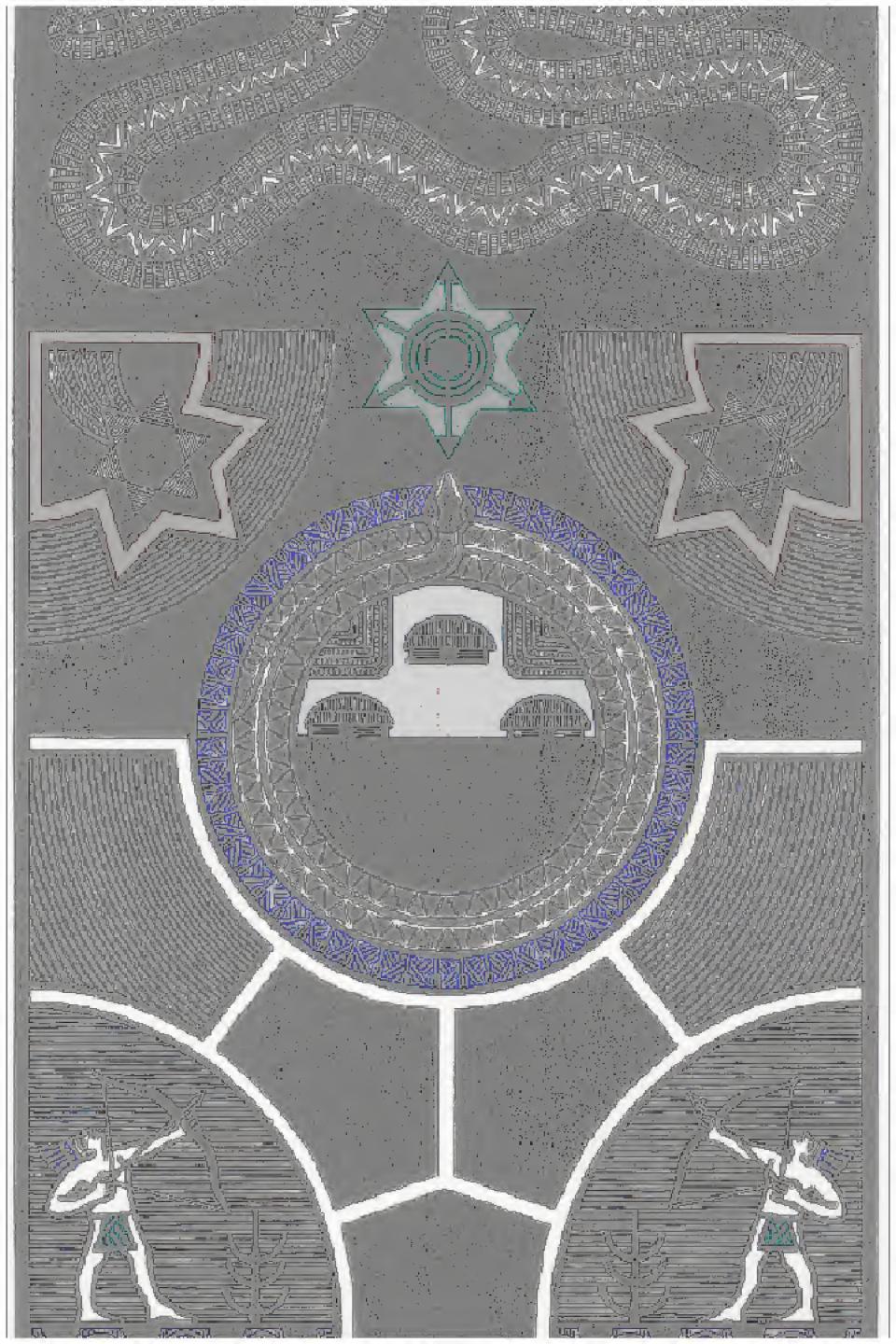
I shook hands with him. His enormous back hid the door. He slumped sideways and claw at a corner of the desk, then rolled on hi back. Then his head jerked back and his ey hardened. The curly-haired man said: âWe like trouble. I put the top up on my convertible before I started downtown.

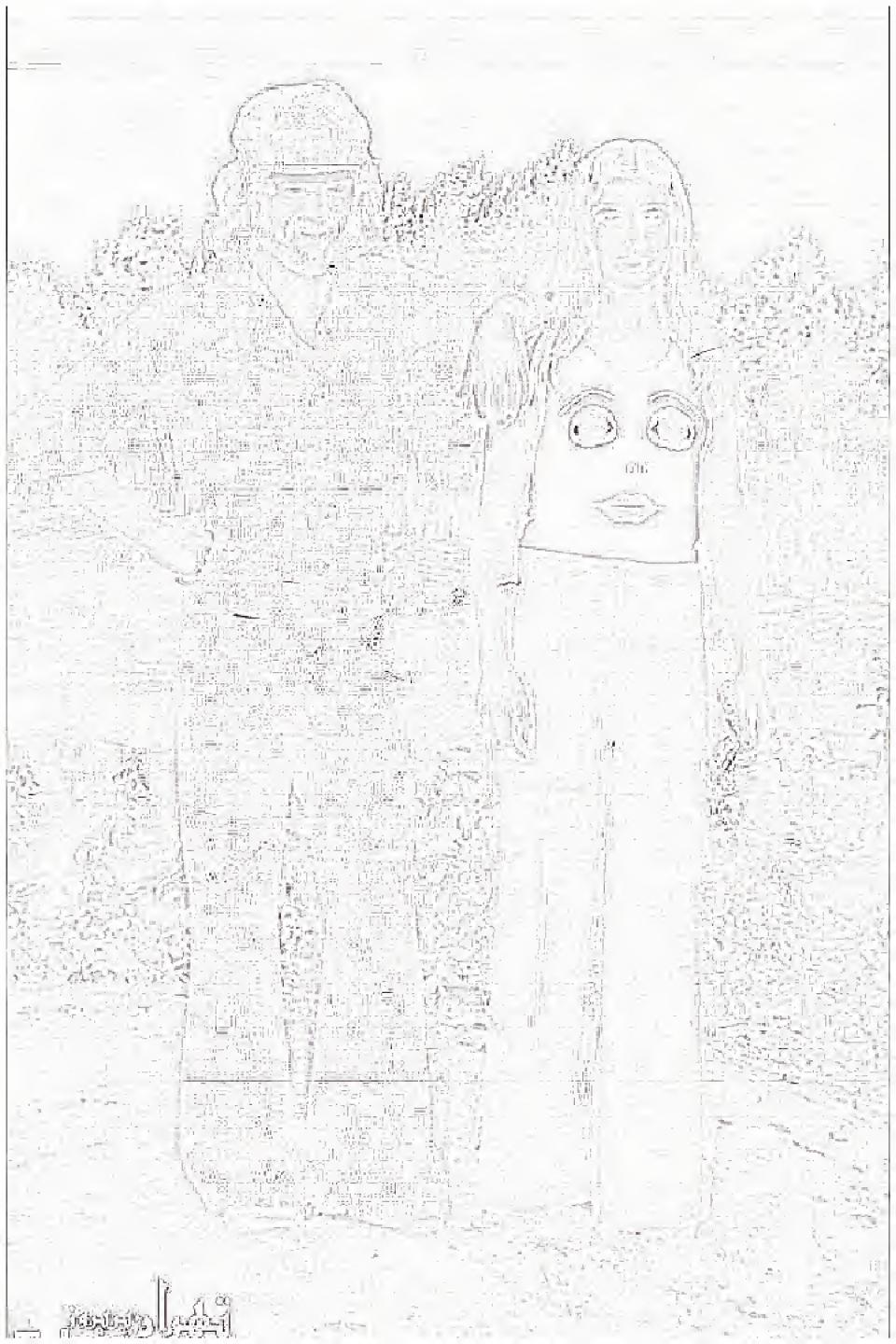


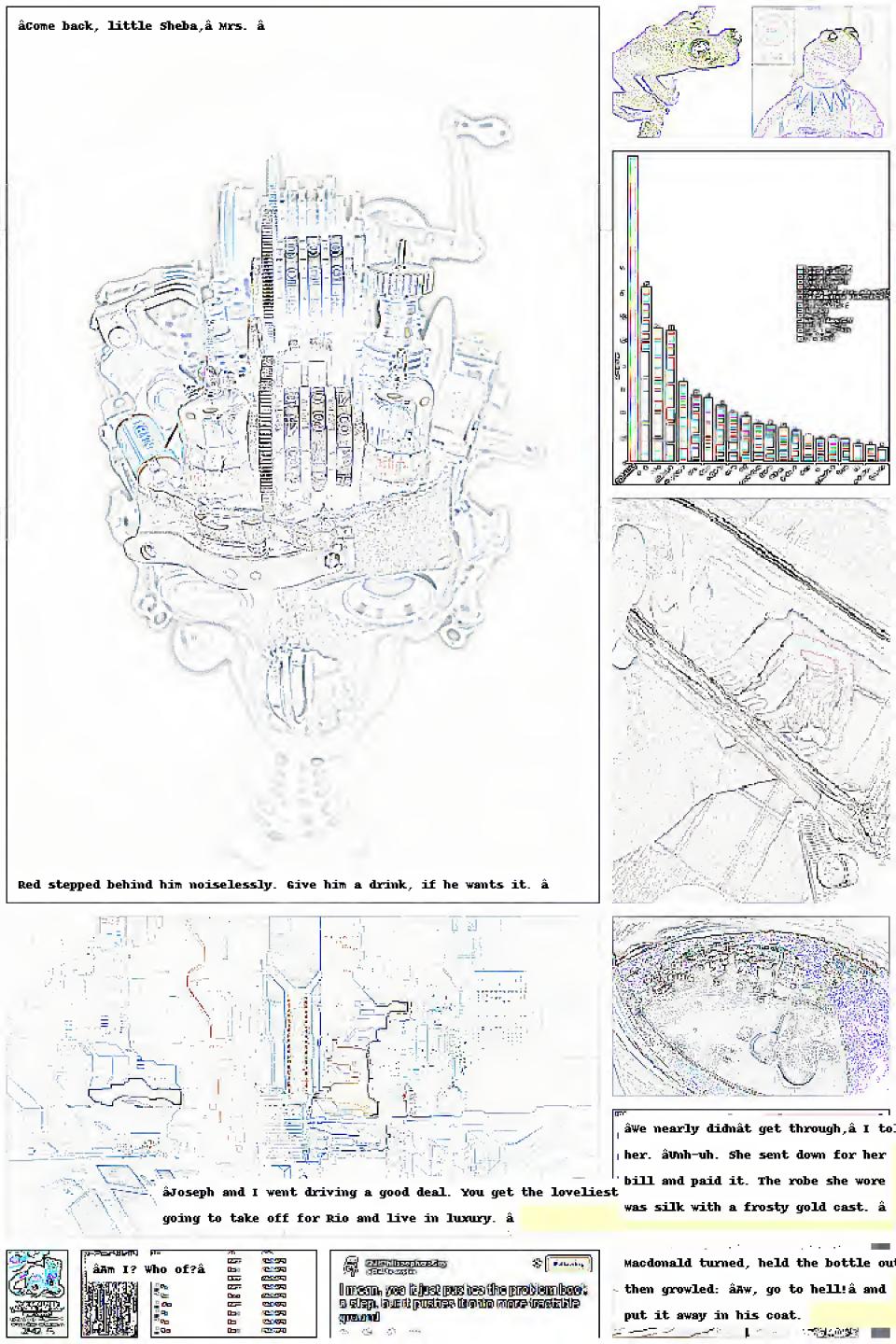


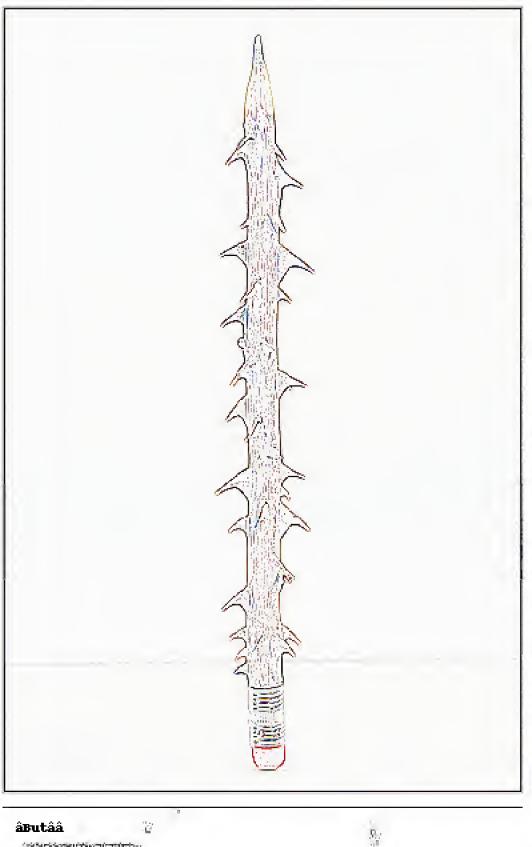
The coupe went west on the boulevard, which forced me to make a le turn and a lot of

motorman who stuck his head out into the rain









âBut me no buts. Like it?â

awell, a he said judiciously, ait does make things kind of complicated, donat you think? But there aim anything impossible about it. As he tells the story in place of an omniscient narrator, he can make comments which as author Chandler would not care to make for fear of being morally heavy-handed. It was as nasty a look as I ever got and on as nasty a fac as I ever saw. It looked much too easy. I lifted a foot at last, dragged it out of the cement it was stuck in, took a step, and then hauled the other for after it like a ball and chain. He didnat see this tall blond go in, just saw her come out. Not finding any he began to sip the drink with his eyes on the white top of the desk. They're people from the join

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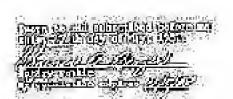
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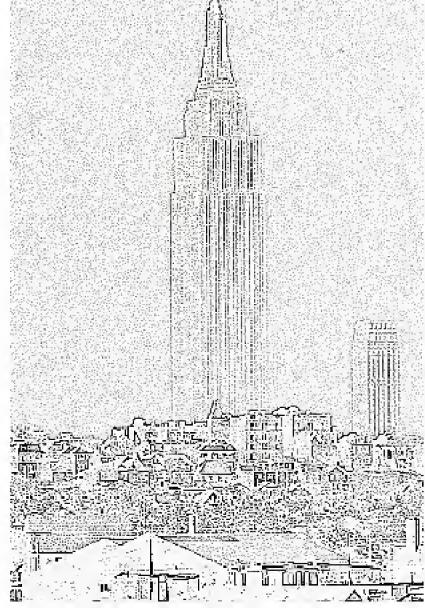
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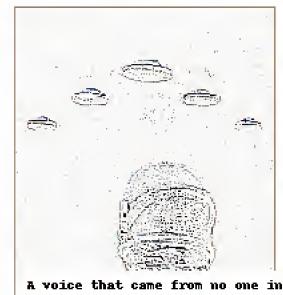
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A voice that came from no one in the room sa sharply: âJust drop that gat, blondie. âWho said. â Costello phoming to?â

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